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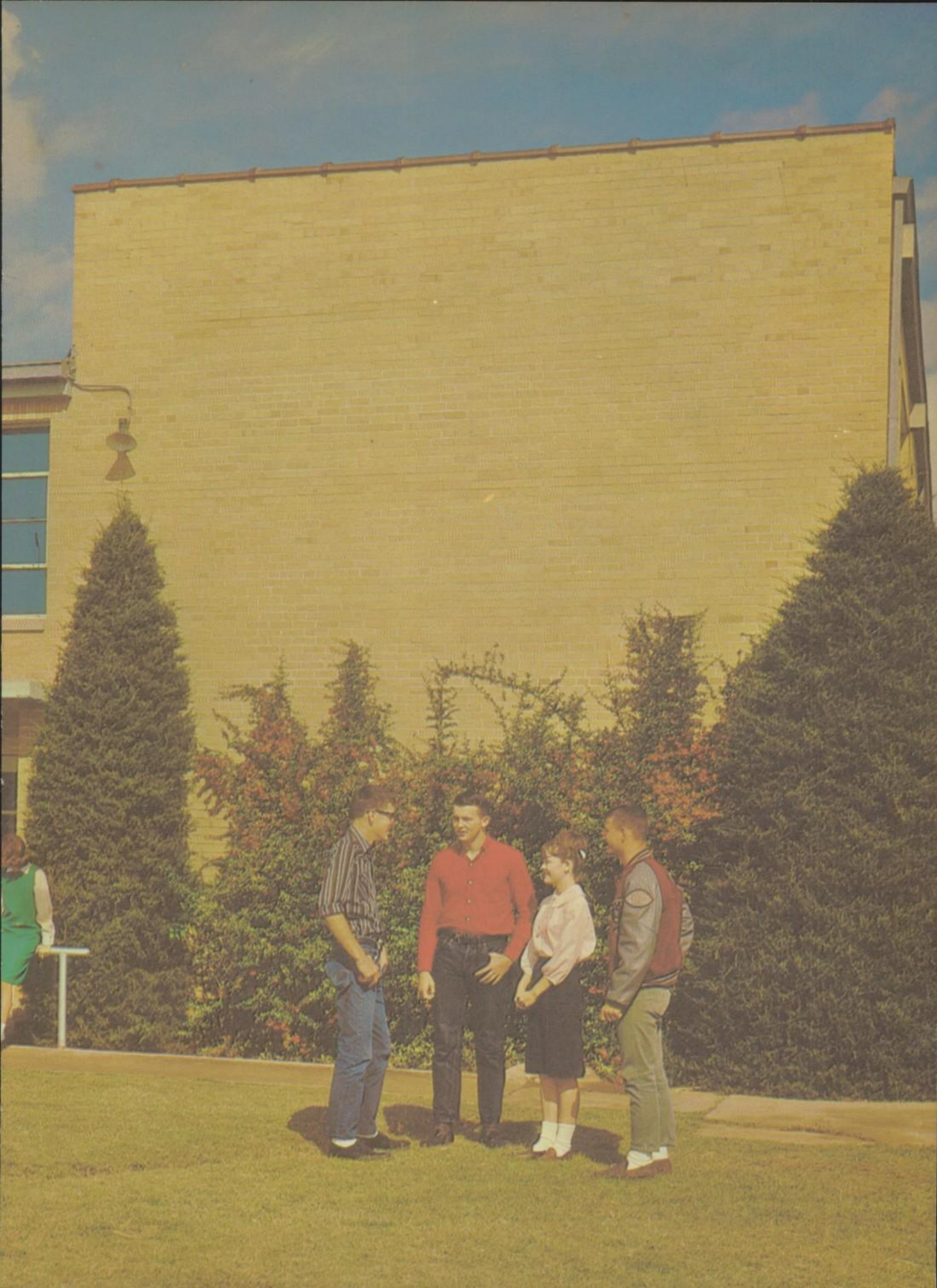

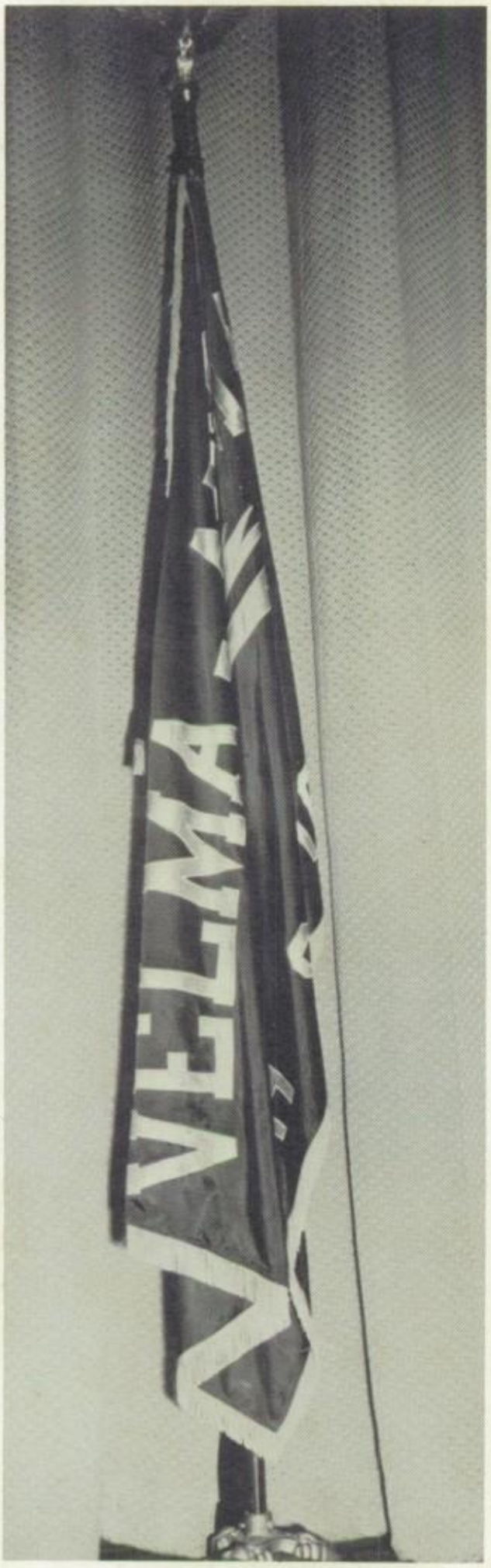

THE COMET

ALMA MATER

Hail to thee, our gallant colors
Hail to grey and wine
Guardian of our love and laughter
and the days gone by.
Ever faithful, ever watchful
True to thee we'll be
Hail to thee, our alma mater
Velma-Alma High.

Velma-Alma High School
Velma, Oklahoma
1965

FOREWORD

Perfection, beauty, regality---qualities every student wishes for his Alma Mater to stand.

Velma-Alma High has long been a top school known and loved by many students. In more recent years, admiration has rapidly increased in our school striving to attain a goal. Today, we may stand aside, and with one satisfying glance, be convinced that Velma-Alma School has reached this goal---the attainment of which has brought with it those very qualities that students yearn to claim.

"With progress comes perfection" could well be the motto of V.H.S. for the completion of the new additions to our school have made it one of the finest high school educational plants in Southern Oklahoma. The mighty Comets proudly host visiting teams in their new stadium. The modern science wing, cafeteria, business machines department, carpentry class, and library have also contributed greatly to the completeness of the school. Thus is indicated the perfection that has accompanied the progress of Velma-Alma High.

Webster defines beauty as that "quality which gratifies the eye." Such a definition is certainly representative of our school. It has been said that beauty is as beauty does---and V.H.S. is very definitely beautiful in both appearance and individuality.

Last, but by far not least, a feeling of regality reigns supreme over the campus of Velma-Alma High. Whether one be a student of yester-year or one of today, a feeling of pride is always with him when he contemplates his splendid school.

Perfection, beauty, regality---these belong to Velma-Alma High---this is our Alma Mater . . .

ADMINISTRATION

May we commend you upon another successful year at Velma-Alma Schools.

To the seniors, we wish for you the best in health, happiness and prosperity.

To the undergraduates, we wish for you a desire to strengthen your educational background in order to successfully compete in this demanding world.

J M Carey

SUPERINTENDENT

MRS. OPAL PETERS
School Secretary

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ebb Beavers, John Lowrance, Dick Haines, Warren Anderson, and Al Pierce

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

Education has a price tag. A good education does not come cheap. The quality of education you get depends on the amount of work and sweat you want to put into it.

Bob Vandiver

GRADE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

The need for an education is greater today than ever before. To meet the demands of tomorrow, children of the Velma-Alma community must be well trained in basic skills.

We, as elementary teachers, must face this challenge with untiring enthusiasm.

Howard Wright

OUR LAUNCHING

Fourth grade building. Field house in the background.

This is the rock building where fifth and sixth graders prepare for the big step into junior high.

To the right: Here is where it all begins, First, second, and third graders know this building well.

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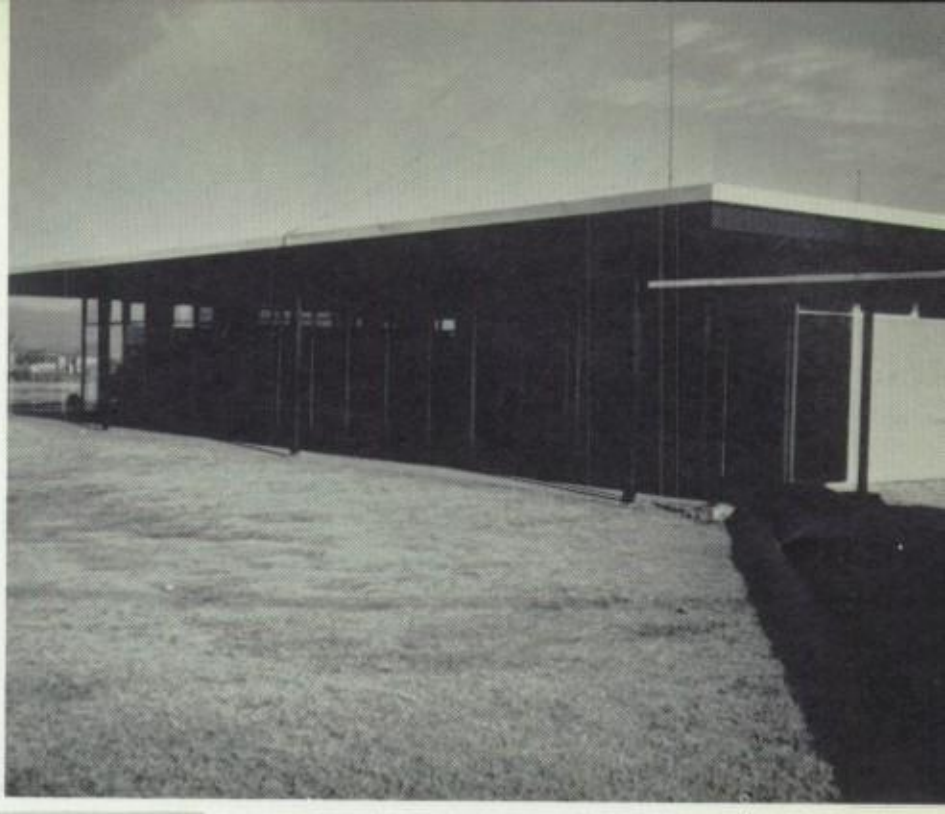
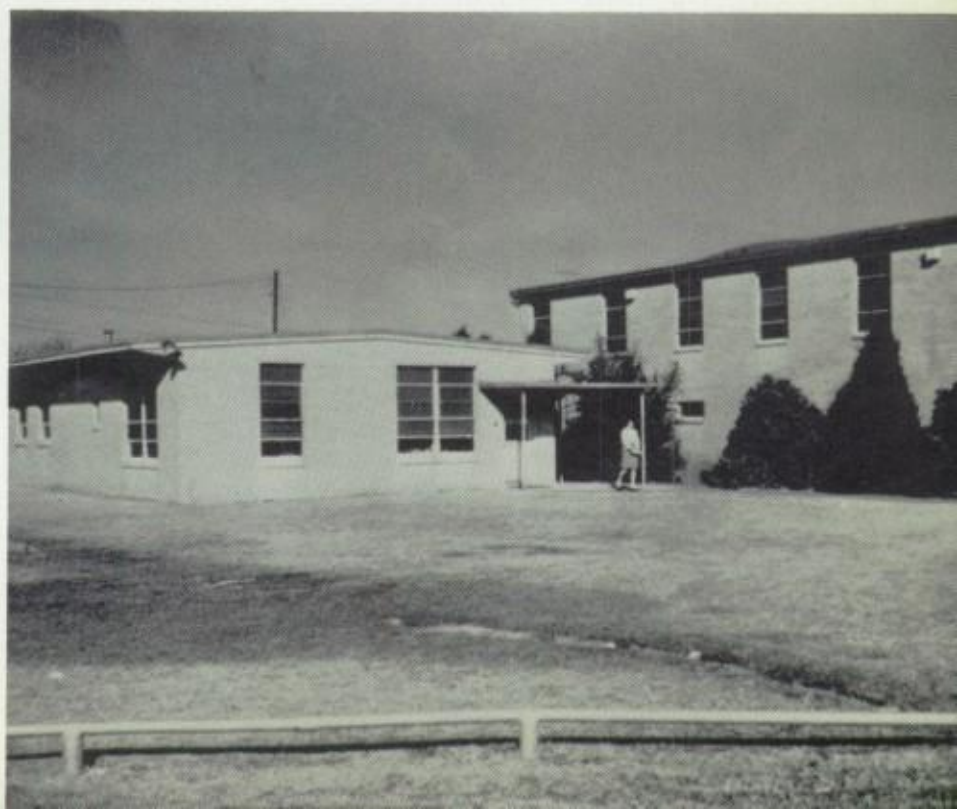


Our future scientists train in our modern science building.

The Agricultural Department gained a new classroom with the removal of the old office.

Above: Our high school building has a new look this year. The new library and office addition features rounded corners and a new entrance hall.



FACULTY

MR. PAUL CARUTHERS
Sixth Grade
B.S.

MRS. MARY CULVER
Fifth Grade
B.A.

MRS. DOROTHY DENSON
Second Grade
B.S.

MRS. BERNECE GORDON
Fifth Grade
B.A.

MRS. ELIZABETH JOHNSTON
Second Grade
B.S.

MRS. JOYCE PIERCE
First Grade
B.S.

MRS. LILLIE ROBERSON
Third Grade
B.S.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROWE
Third Grade
B.A.

MRS. CLARA SMITH
First Grade
B.S., Master's

MRS. BETTY VANDIVER
Fourth Grade
B.S., Master's

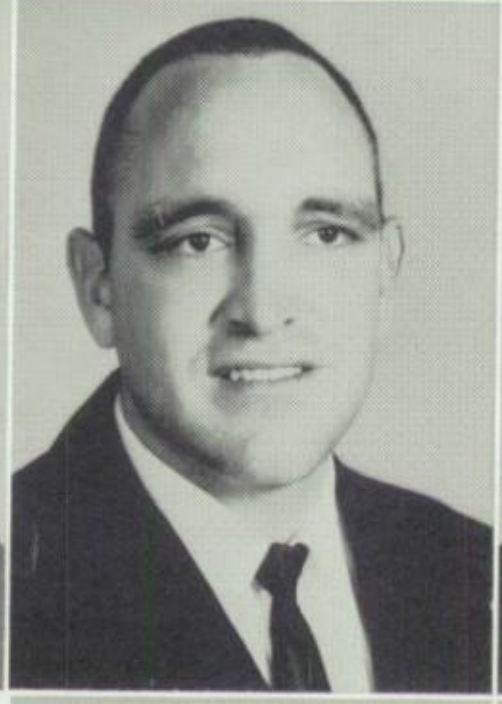
MRS. MADGE VANDIVER
Fourth Grade
B.S., Master's

MR. BUDDY ALLEN
Band, Social Studies
B.A.

MR. LEE ALLEN
Physical Ed., Geology,
Science, Drivers Ed.
B.S., Master's

MRS. PATRICIA ALLEN
Commerce
B.S.

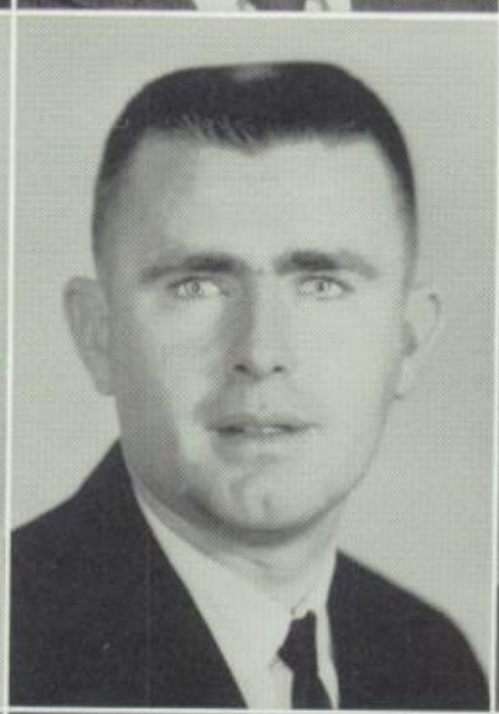
MR. HAROLD BIFFLE
Vocational Agriculture
B.S.



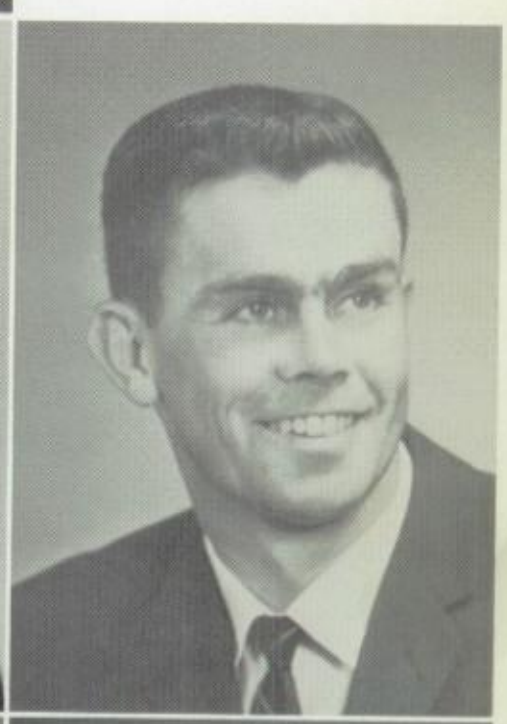
MR. JIMMY CAST
Coach, Math,
Social Studies
B.S., Master's

MR. HOYT DUNCAN
Science
B.S., Master's

MR. JOHN HARDEN
Counselor, Science,
Industrial Arts
B.S., Master's



MR. JOHN McFATRIDGE
Math
B.S.



MR. JERRY MORRIS
English, Speech
B.A.

MRS. JOANN PATTON
Vocational Home Economics
B.S.

MRS. MILDRED PRATER
Vocal Music, English
B.S.

MR. ALTON ROBERTS
Coach, History
B.S.

MR. BOB SMITH
Coach, Vocational Carpentry
B.S.

MISS ANITA THOMPSON
Coach, P.E., English
B.S.

MRS. JOAN WRIGHT
Librarian, English
B.S.

A TEACHER IS MANY THINGS

Doctor . . .

Dear Abby. . .

Soda Jerk. . .

SENIORS

CLASS OFFICERS: Sharon Wright, Vice-President; Mickey Cowan, President; Karen Anderson, Secretary; Cynthia McClennen, Treasurer.

LYN WAYNE ALDRIDGE
Junior and Senior Play, F.F.A. Sec., Mixed Chorus, Speech Play

ARNOLD JOHN BEASLEY
Mixed Chorus 4, Senior Play, Madrigal Choir 2, Basketball 1

KAREN JO ANDERSON
V.-Pres. National Honor Society, Senior Class Secretary, Miss V.A., Cheerleader 2

RICHARD GLEN BISHOP
Football 4, Basketball 4, Mixed Chorus 2, Lettermans Club 3

DIANE LaVALLE BAYLIS
Band 4, Twirler 3, Miss V-A Contest 2, Teachers Asst. 2

ELNITA VAYE BLODGETT
Sec. National Society, Glee Club Treas., Mixed Chorus, Jr. and Sr. Play

VICKY JONETTA BAYOUTH
F.H.A. 4, Pep Club 4, Glee Club 4, Senior Play

LLOYD ALAN BRACKSIECK
National Honor Society
Oklahoma Honor Society

PATSY GAYLE BRISCOE

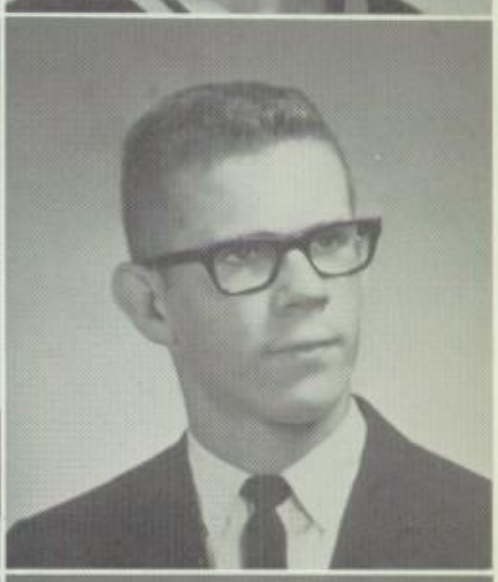
Physical Education 3, Office Girl 1, P.E. Assistant 1, Basketball 1.

WANDA JUNE BROWDER

Glee Club 2, Pep Club 2, F.H.A. 3, 4-H 4.

EARNEST EUGENE BRUNER

Annual King, Senior Class Favorite, Football 4, Track 1.



JIMMIE NEAL BULLOCK

Football 4, Vice-President of Lettermans Club, All Conference 1, Track 1.

MICHAEL LYNN BURTON

Football 1, Maintenance Assistant 2, Teacher's Assistant 1, F.F.A. 3.

LARRY DON CAREY

Band President, N.H.S. President, Athletics, Boy's State.

JOE LYNN CARROLL

Football 1, Teacher's Assistant 2, Lettermans Club 1, Physical Education 2.

PAULA ANN CARUTHERS

Annual Queen, Mixed Chorus Secretary, Glee Club 4, Mixed Quartet 1.

SYLVIA ANN COCKRELL

Clee Club 3, F.H.A. 2, Pep Club 2, Miss V-A Contest 2.

BERNICE IRENE COLLINS

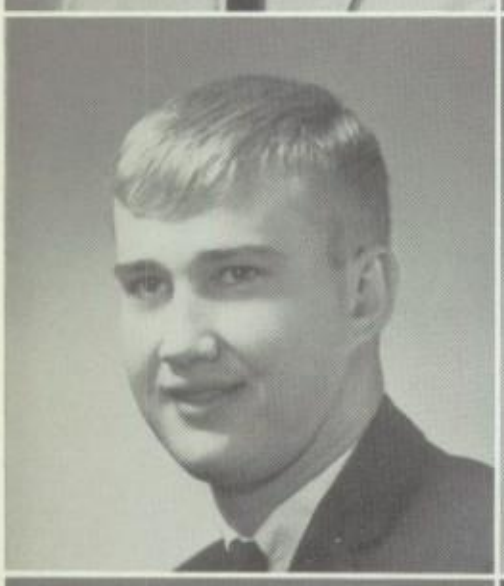
Band 3, F.H.A. 3, Chorus 2, 4-H 2.

RONALD TERRY COOPER

Football 3, Track 3, Basketball 3, Mixed Chorus President.

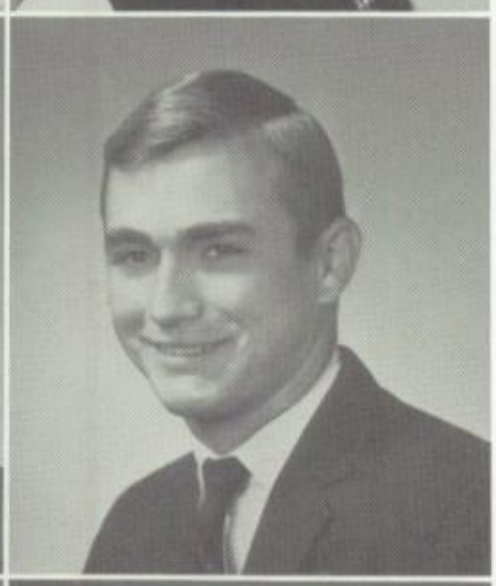
FLOELLA SUE CORBIN

F.H.A. 4, Pep Club 2, Glee Club 4, Senior Play.



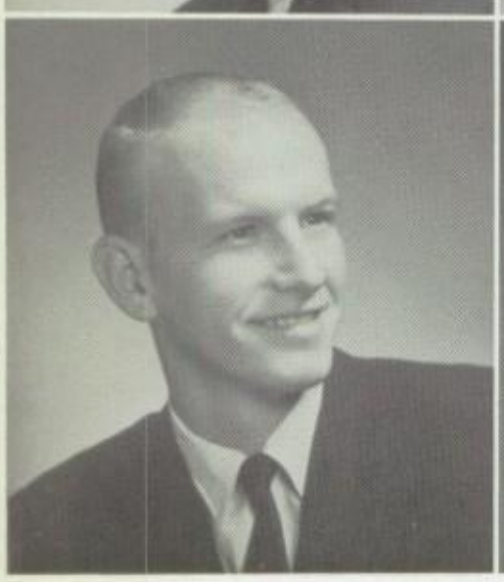
MICKEY WAYNE COWAN

President of F.F.A. 1, President of Senior Class, President of Student Council, Captain of Football Team.



HAROLD LYNN DARITY

Athletics 4, Class Officer 3, All District, All Conference.



GEORGE ARTHUR DRUMMOND

Football 2, P.E. 3.

DONALD DULWORTH

F.F.A. 4, P.E. 2, Teacher's Assistant.

SANDRA MARIE DYER

Oklahoma Honor Society, Pep Club 4, Mixed Chorus 1.

LAURA LEE EMMONS

Glee Club 1, Pep Club 2, Secretary of F.H.A. 2, Treasurer of F.H.A. 1.

MICHAEL ELVIS FERGUSON

Physical Education 4, Senior Play, Mixed Chorus 1.

TEMPLE GRUNDY

Physical Education 2, Teacher's Assistant.

ROBERT CHARLES HAM

Physical Education 4, Librarian, Teacher's Assistant.

DAVID GLYDE HENRY

Football 3, Lettermans Club 3, Mixed Chorus 3, Bus Driver 1.

SHARON DeARMOND JACKSON

Glee Club 1, Office Assistant 1, Mixed Chorus 1.

JUDITH LYNNE JOHNSON

F.H.A. 2, Band 4, Band Officer and Drum Majorette, Senior Play.

DAVID LEO LANGDON

F.F.A. Treasurer, Football (3) All District and All Conference, Basketball, Senior Play.

LYNNE MARIE LAYN

Junior and Senior Play, High School Trio, Basketball Queen, Treasurer of Pep Club.

HAROLYN KAYE LOVE

Second Runner-Up Miss V-A 1, National Honor Society 3, Senior Play, Music Queen Attendant.

KENNETH WAYNE MAXWELL

Basketball 3, Teacher's Assistant, Physical Education.

MANSEL LYNN MILBURN

F.F.A. 4, Student Council, Senior Play, P.E. 4.

CYNTHIA DIANE McCLENNEN

Oklahoma Honor Society, Senior Class Favorite, Junior and Senior Play, Senior Class Treasurer.

DONNA FAYE McGUIRE

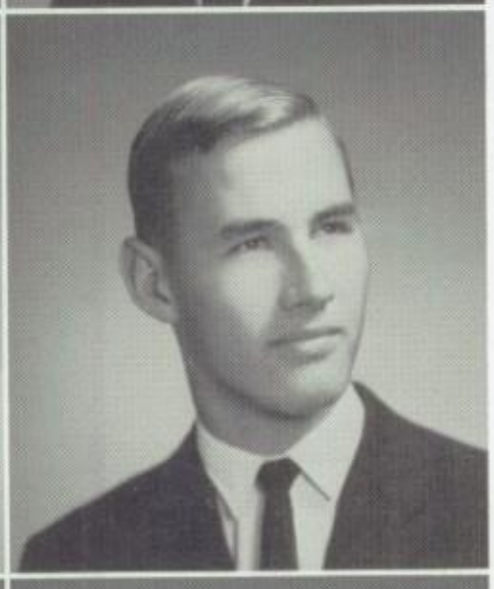
F.H.A. 2, Pep Club 4, Basketball 4, All Conference 1.

JOE BOB NORTON

Football 3, Track 4, Bus Driver.

JOHN DANIEL PETERS

Lettermans Club 3, F.F.A. 4, Bus Driver 2, Senior Play.



WELDON LUKE POLLARD

Vice-President of F.F.A., President of Junior Class, Football and Track 4, F.F.A. 4.

PAMELA RUTH PRATER

Miss V-A 1965, Cheerleader 5, National Honor Society 4, All Conference Basketball.

JANICE SUE REHM

Vice-President of F.H.A., Pep Club 4, Glee Club 2, Senior Play.

JOHNNIE LEE ROBINSON

Band 3, 4-H 2, Basketball 1, Glee Club.

RENE JOYCE ROWE

Oklahoma Honor Society, Pep Club 2, Spanish Club 2, Cheerleader 1.

ROYE CLYDE SPEAKS

F.F.A. 2, F.F.A. Sentinel 1, Senior Play.

MYRNA GAYLE SPURGIN

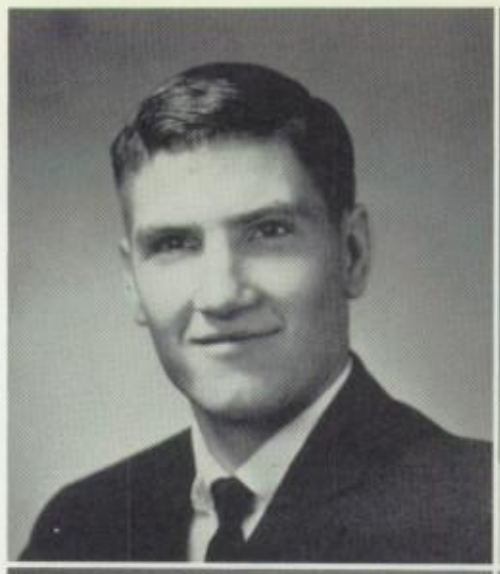
President of Pep Club, Music Queen, Junior Senior Play, National Honor Society.

LARRY STEPHENS

Lettermans Club 3, Lettermans Club Officer 1, Football 4, F.F.A. 4.

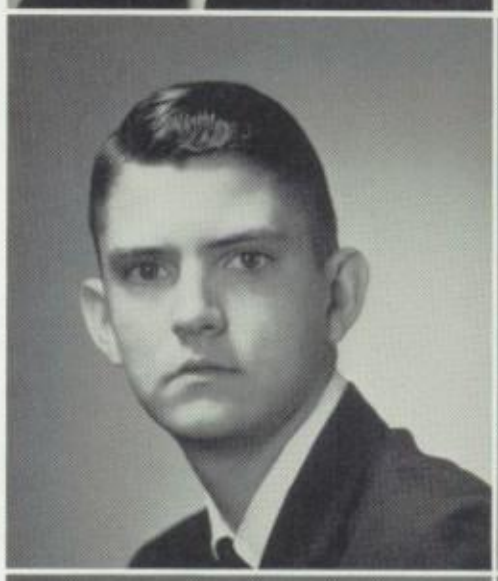
PATRICIA KAY STRICKLAND

President of F.H.A., Vice-President of Pep Club, Basketball Queen Attendant, All Conference Basketball.



THURMAN DALE THACKER

Junior Play, Librarian 2, Teacher's Assistant 3.

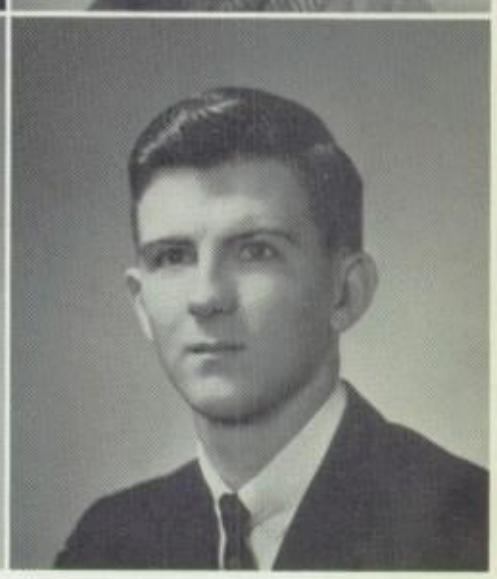


DONNA FERN THOMAS

Band 3, Glee Club 2, Stage Band 2, Teacher's Assistant 2.

MARILYN SUE THOMPSON

Band 4, Twirler 1, Glee Club 4, Annual Staff 3.



MAX WELDON WHALEY

F.F.A. Officer 2, F.F.A. 4, Lettermans Club 3, Track 2.

JERRY LEE WHEELER

Junior and Senior Play, F.F.A. 4, Oklahoma Honor Society 3, All Conference Football and Basketball.

HELLEN SUE WIGGINS

Glee Club 2, F.H.A. 4, Physical Education 2.

GARY WILLIAMS

Annual Staff 1, Physical Education 3, Teacher's Assistant 2, Maintenance Assistant 1.

SHARON DIANN WRIGHT

Senior Class Vice-President, Annual Staff 2, Junior Class Favorite, Oklahoma Honor Society 1.

We have spent twelve years learning to talk. And now they won't let us!

CLASS FAVORITES
Buddy Bruner
Cynthia McClennen

SENIOR MISS V-A CONTESTANTS
Vicky Bayouth
Pat Strickland
Lynne Layn
Sylvia Cockrell
Pam Prater
Myrna Spurgin
Paula Caruthers
Cynthia McClennen
Harolyn Love

Take a letter, darling. These future employees are getting some good training on the transcribing machines in our new business machines department.

I really hate to do this, boys.

JUNIORS

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Junior officers: President, Greg Pierce: Vice President, Linda Jo Presgrove; Secretary, Lois Files.

Danny Adams
Virgle Adams
Thomas Adcox
Wyonette Aldridge
Debby Bayouth

Don Beasley
Billie Briscoe
Dwight Browder
Danny Carroll
Don Cartwright

Stanley Constant
Linda Corbin
Jimmie Darity
Randy Davis
Glenda Ferguson

Lois Files
Bobby Fox
Danny Fox
Vauda Nell Golson
Cecil Harper

Brantley Holder
David Ketchum
Linda Ketchum
Jimmy Kirby
Allen Kirpatrick

Coleen Landram
Lanny Landram
Linda Landram
Harvey Love
Freda Lumbert

Barbara McCalister
Danny Miears
Sharon Miller
Benny Moore
Ellen Morris

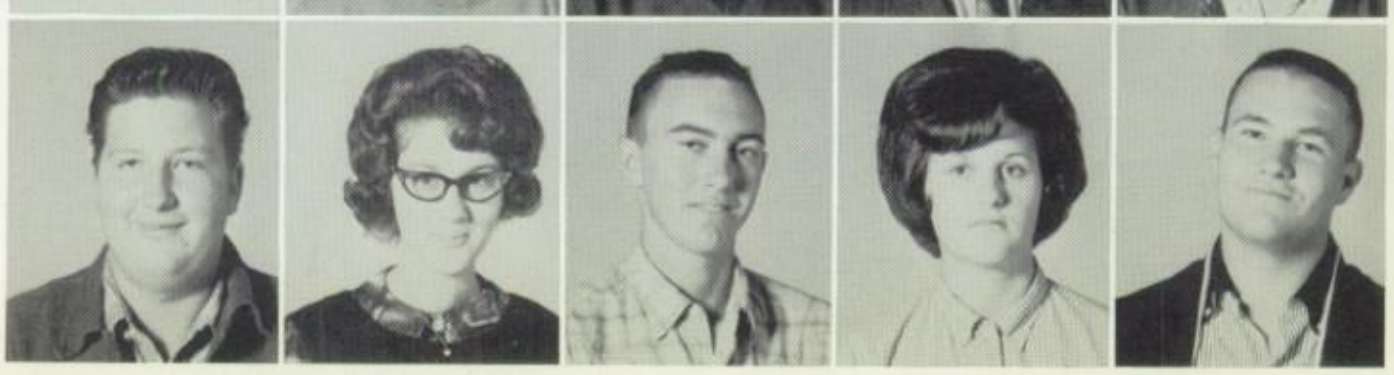
Shirley Oxford
Brenda Pierce
Greg Pierce
Linda Jo Presgrove
Kathy Roberts

Debby loves that American history.

Larry Romine
Dennis Rue
Sharron Rue
Phillip Savage
Phyllis Savage

Kathy Smith
Oneta Staggs
David Stine
Bubby Webb
Benny Whisenhunt

Berry Whisenhunt
Freda Williams
Gary Wright
Marsha Wright
George Young



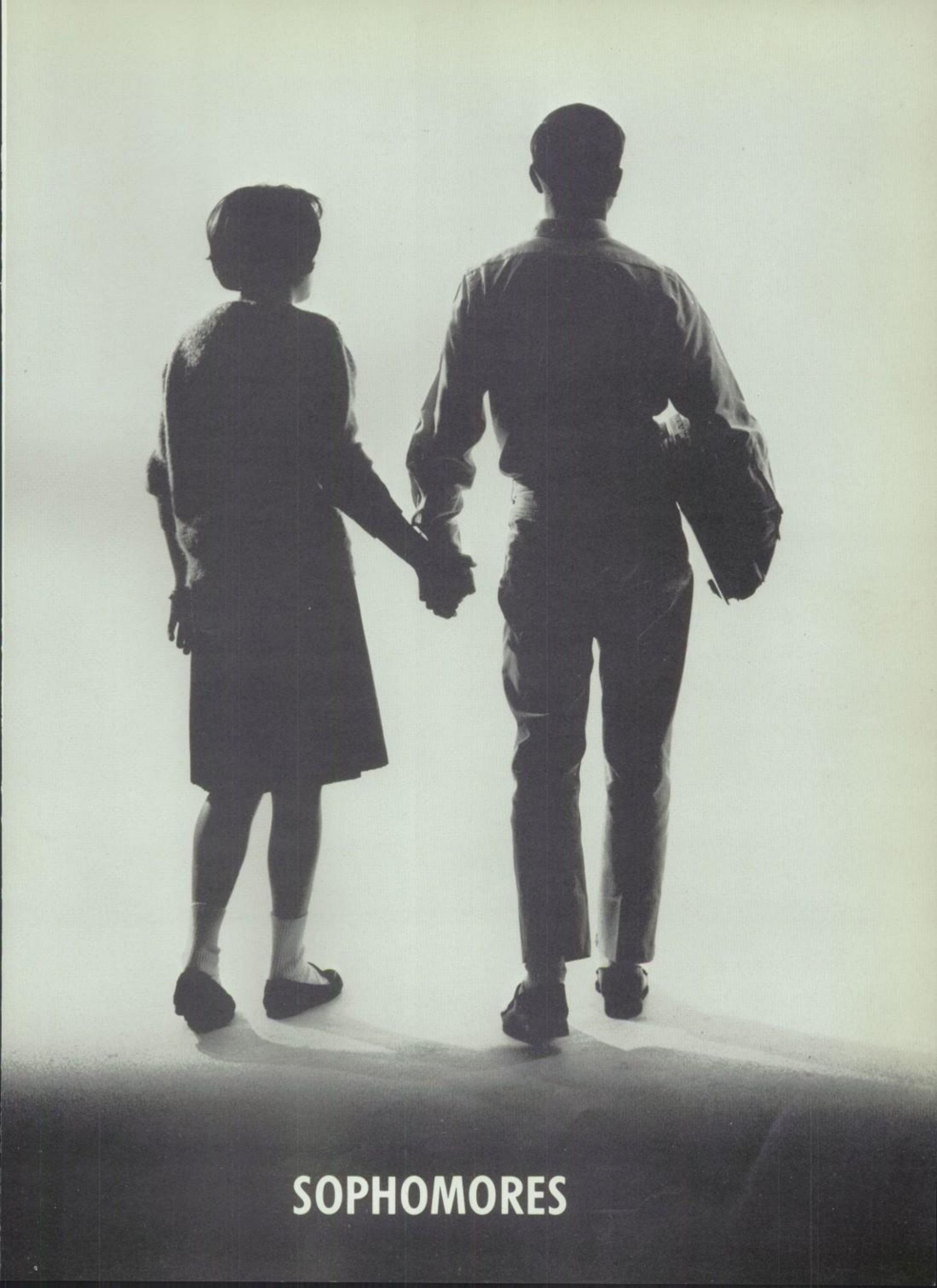
JUNIOR SNAPS

The six Junior contestants in the Miss V-A Contest were: Vauda Nell Golson, Coleen Landram, Linda Jo Presgrove, Debby Bayouth, Jimmie Darity and Brenda Pierce

The Juniors' Christmas door

TO THE RIGHT: These Juniors served as committee chairmen for the Jr. -Sr. Banquet.

Linda Jo Presgrove and Dennis Rue were the Junior Class Favorites.



SOPHOMORES

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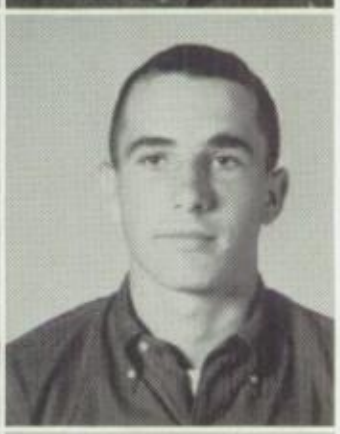
Sophomores officers: President, Billy O'Bryant; Vice President, Larry Cooley; Secretary, Jacklyn Ketchum.

Jess Bartling

Francie Biffle

Linda Biffle
Lynne Branch
Johnny Briscoe
Phyllis Bryant
Ronnie Campbell



Joye Cates
Larry Cooley
Mary Lou Darity
Lana Davis
James Emmons

Jan Golson
Pat Gray
Terry Harden
Teddy Hargrove
Karoleen Henry

Kathleen Henry
Phillip Ingrum
Paul Jeffery
Danny Ketchum
Jacklyn Ketchum

Mary Beth Layn
Ann Lowrance
Pete Martin
Carlis Maxwell
Yvonne Moore

Billy O'Bryant
Mike Prater
Jenny Roberson
Steve Romine
Donna Russell

One must concentrate in English II.

Kathy Scott
Linda Smith
Edward Stewart
Huck Walling
Claira Wadkins

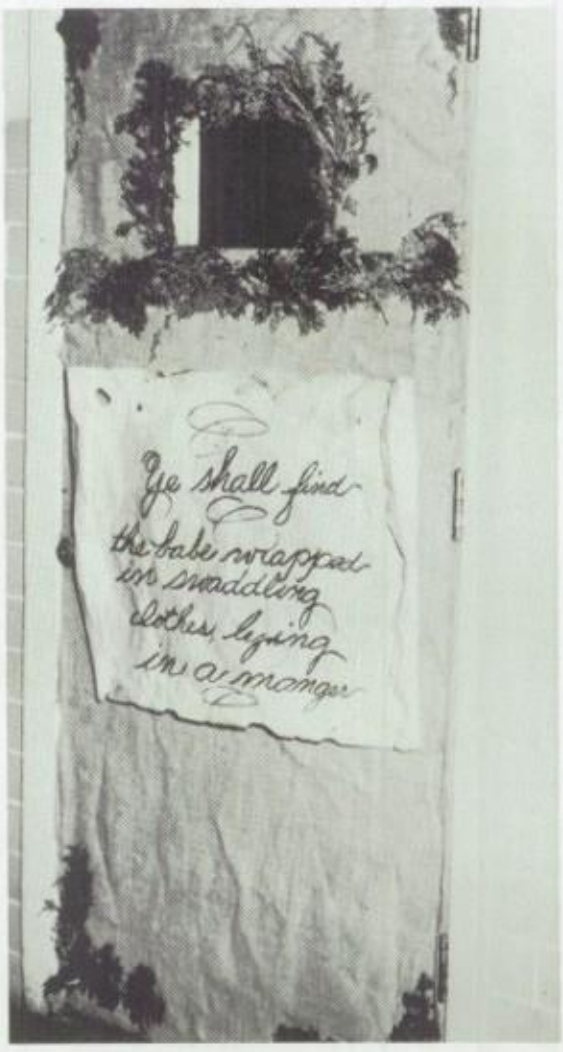
John Watson
Linda Welch
Cathy Whidden
John Womack
Maxie Wright

SOPHOMORE SNAPS

Sophomore candidates for Miss V-A Contest: Linda Smith, Phyllis Bryant, Jan Golson, Francie Biffle, Lana Davis.

Left: John Waston was Master of Ceremonies of the Sophomore assembly.

Folk singers, Huck Walling and Lynne Branch, entertain students at Sophomore assembly.

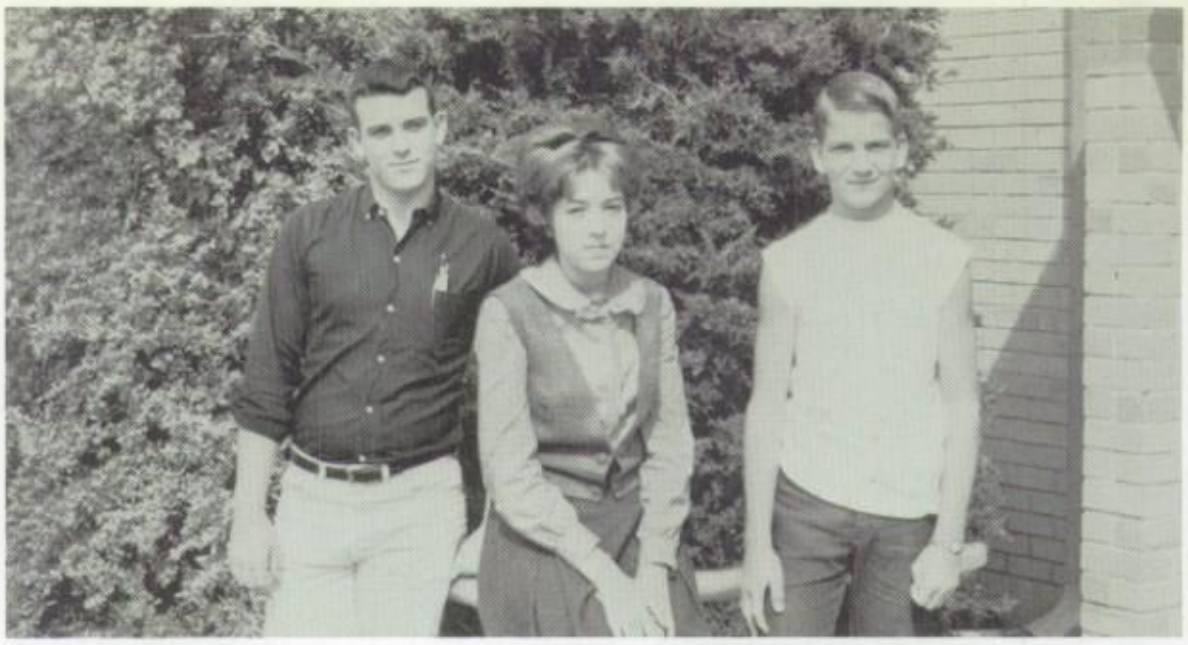


The Sophomores took first place on their Christmas door.

CLASS FAVORITES: Mary Beth Lane and Pete Martin

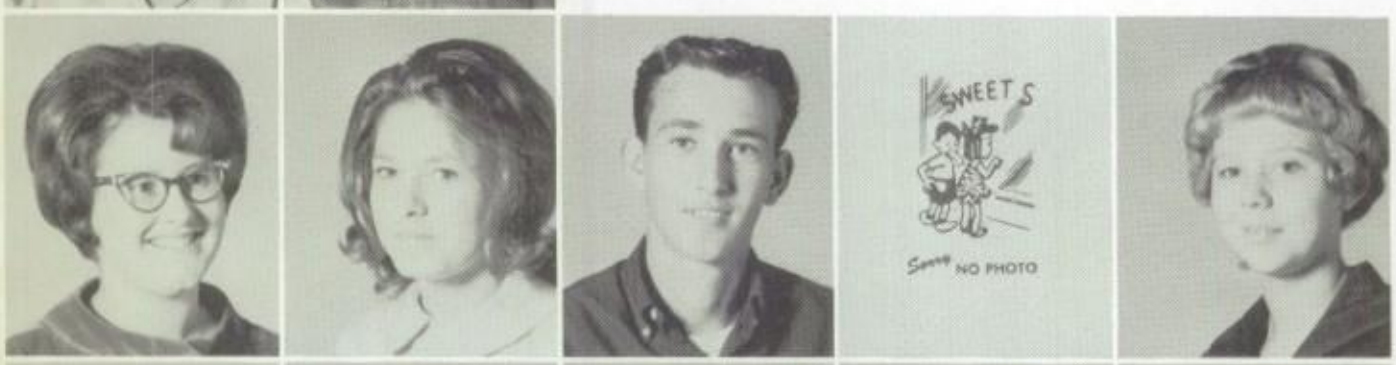
JUNIOR HIGH

FRESHMEN



Freshman officers: Secretary, Steve Wilson; President, Carolyn Ridge; Vice President, Steve Caruthers.

William Adcox
Sharon Aldridge



Alice Bloggett
Judy Boatman
Jimmy Briscoe
Glenda Browder
Franky Bryant

Clara Bumpas
Steve Caruthers
Norma Chapman
Johnny Cooksey
Dennis Corbin

Wyndal Cowan
Frankie Dulworth
Charles Foster
Garry Foster
Cliff Gordon

Sid Graham
George Hanks
Debbie Harper
Jimmy Howard
Kent Ivy

Gary Jackson
Linda Jackson
Terry Johnson
Cathie Jones
Jerrie Jones

Lynda Jones
Kenny Layn
James Loftis
David Meadows
Larry Miears

Harma Mitchell
Deena Norton
Mike Ossenbeck
Wanda Oxford
Shirley Presgrove

Carol Richardson
Carolyn Ridge
Kathy Roskam
Mike Sellers
Bobby Shahan

The day the Freshmen received the class pictures Kent Ivy seemed to be thinking, "Do I really look like this?"

Janis Scott
Tony Stephens
Joel Stewart
Sherry Stroud
Karen Smith

Susan Smith
Myra Spurgin
Darlene Staggs
Barbara Thomas
Roberta Vance

Patricia Wiggins
Steve Wilson
Pat Womack
Elizabeth Wright
Bobette Young

EIGHTH GRADE

Eighth Grade Officers: Vice President, Danny Lowrance; Secretary, Rita Conditt; President, James O'Bryant.

Roy Adcox

Sharon Airington

Jo Dean Allred

John Allen

Peggy Beavers

Tommy Blair

Tommy Briscoe

Mike Brown

Deana Byford

Judy Campbell

Lola Cartwright

Leland Chapman

Rita Jo Conditt

Laura Cooley

Shelia Cope

Dorris Corbin

Dianna Cowan

Louis Darity

David Davidson

Verna Mae Devers

Curtis Dickerson

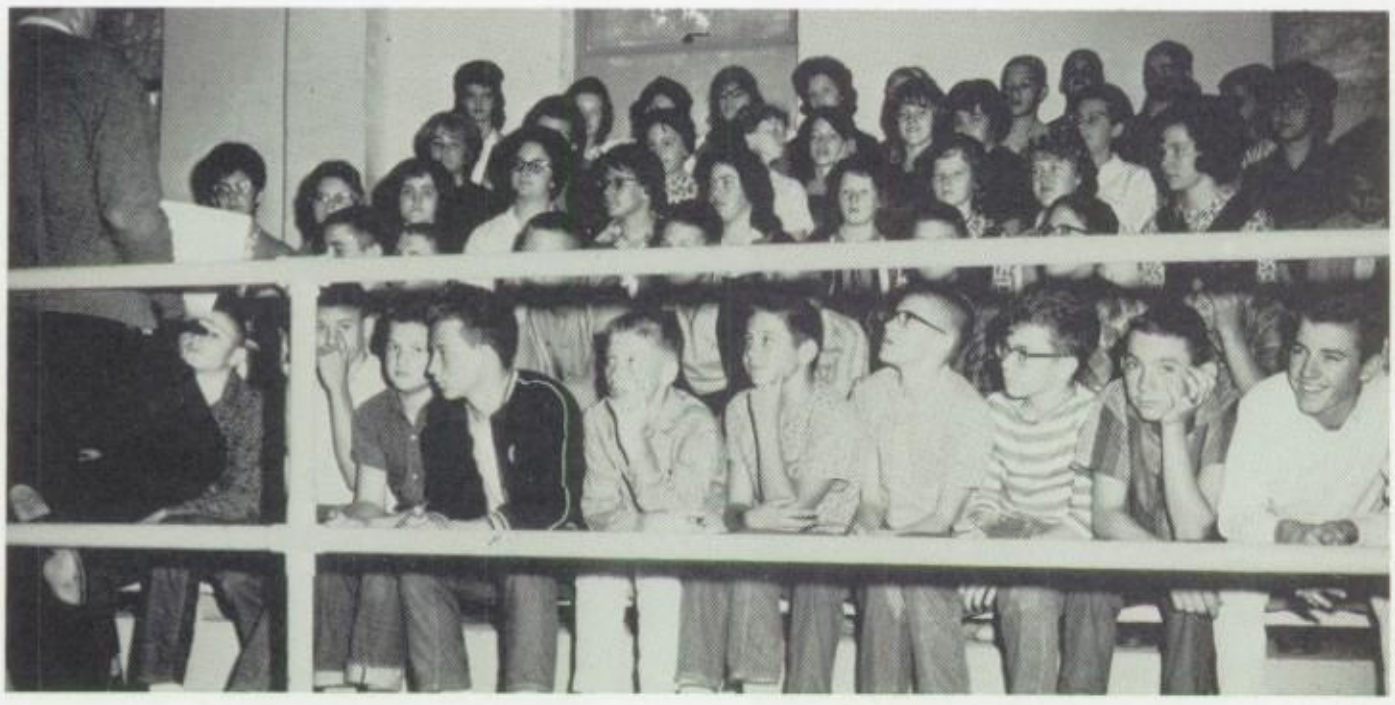
Billy Dulworth

Daniel Dulworth

Gail Duncan
Shirley Dyer
Sandra Ferguson
Marie Files
Wynema Foster
Karen Gilmore

Susan Hale
Homer Hardin
Patsy Henderson
Naomi Henley
Paul Haynie
William Ingrum

Kenneth Jones
Kenneth Kelly
Connie Knutson
Danny Lowrance
Gene McNutt
Joyce Maxwell



Who really believes eighth graders are this serious at a class meeting?

Glenda Milburn
Sharon Norton
James O'Bryant
Beverly Perdue
Larry Pierce
Penny Price

John Saville
Randy Schoonover
Teresa Simpson
Deanna Smith
Arlene Staggs
Larry Stewart

Michael Teel
Joe Thomas
Paul Thomas
Ricky Webb
Donnie Wooten
Troy Wright

SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh Grade Class Officers: President, Turner Biffle; Vice-President, Dennis Miller; Secretary and Treasurer, Terry Mitchell.

Dennis Adams
Haskell Airington

Roger Allen
Janice Biffle
Turner Biffle
Bobby Briscoe
Becky Bruner

Jacky Bryant
Susan Carroll
Jane Caruthers
Jimmy Davis
Phillip Dulworth

Ronald Dulworth
Gaylin Eason
Kathryn Harper
Cheryl Haynie
Charles Keenon

Annette Maxwell
Charles McCalister
John Meadows
Dennis Miller
Peggy Mills

Terry Mitchell
Shelly Morgan
Elgin Morris
Debbie Mullins
Kathleen Pierce

Deborah Pogue
Burneze Ponder
Gary Presgrove
Ann Rhodes
Travis Rue

Carma Sellers
Sandra Smith
Karen Smith
Coy Joel Staggs
Mike Staggs

"THE LIVELY ONES"

Janet Tivis
Judy Tivis
Jimmy Townsend
Clyde Vansill
David Watson

Deborah Williams
Billy Wilson
Randy Wright
Billy Young
Jerry Young

SEVENTH GRADE FAVORITES:
Turner Biffle and Janet Tivis

Judy Campbell and Beverly Perdue help decorate the eighth grade door at Christmas time.

EIGHTH GRADE FAVORITES
James O'Bryant and
Shirley Dyer

The Freshman door featured
pealing bells.

FRESHMAN FAVORITES: Kenny
Layn and Elizabeth Wright

ELEMENTARY

SIXTH GRADE

Our big moment!

Mike Adcox
Kenneth Aldridge
Mike Allred

Leo Bailey
Jeff Baker
Robin Beavers
Elizabeth Bender
Judy Blair

Debbie Bowden
Jackie Bullock
Nina Bumpas
Phyllis Cooksey
Danny Cowan

Bevela Davis
Jimmie Davis
Doris Ellis
Patricia Ficklin
Gwendolyn Foster

Stanley Hargrove
Sherry Hart
Kay Henry
Mindy Holbrook
Louise Johnson

Vicki Jones
Jerry Don Kelly
Glen Knutson
Kathy Loring
Candy McClennen

Leslie McMeans
Ike McNutt
Bobby Massie
Jadene Miears
Debbie Milford

Barbara Morris
Roger Norton
Ricky O'Neal
Eric Pierce
Carla Ratliff

The fifth and sixth graders are always busy.

Audene Robinson
Dicky Saville
Robin Schoonover
Bobby Smith
Paula Spurgin

Debra Stephens
David Thomas
Sue Vansill
Dale Walker
Patsy Young

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders count their blessings.

Davie Adams
Marcia Adcox
Gayla Baylis

Duane Bowden
Becky Byford
Gary Brown
Bobby Bruner
James Conditt

Ricky Cope
Gary Corbin
Jack Davis
Patricia Dulworth
Micky Ficklin

Clarence Foster
Terry Fowler
Leslie Gipson
Vera Mae Hamersley
Sammy Hanks

Linda Harden
Yvonne Hargrove
Sharon Hayes
Janell Haynie
Rocky Henderson

Rosemary Jackson
Becky Jones
Earl Keenon
Jerry Kirkpatrick
Jerry Landram

Debby McGuire
Susie Meadows
Ann Mullins
Jan Mullins
Ray Norton

Barbara Ossenback
Brenda Romine
Donna Sellers
Jackie Spencer
Freda Stephenson

Mrs. Culver's fifth and sixth graders are making a book report tree.

Tommy Taylor
John William Teel
Bina Thacker
Saphronia Thomas
Doug Townsend

James Vance
Jan Wright
Reba Wright
Ronnie Wright
Troy Young

FOURTH GRADE

"An' the Gobble-uns'll git you
Ef you
Don't
Watch
Out!"

Leroy Airington
Pamela Aldridge
Freddy Bench
Edward Bender
Jean Brewer

Jimmey Brewer
Brenda Briscoe
Jay Carey
Cheryl Carothers
Freddy Carroll

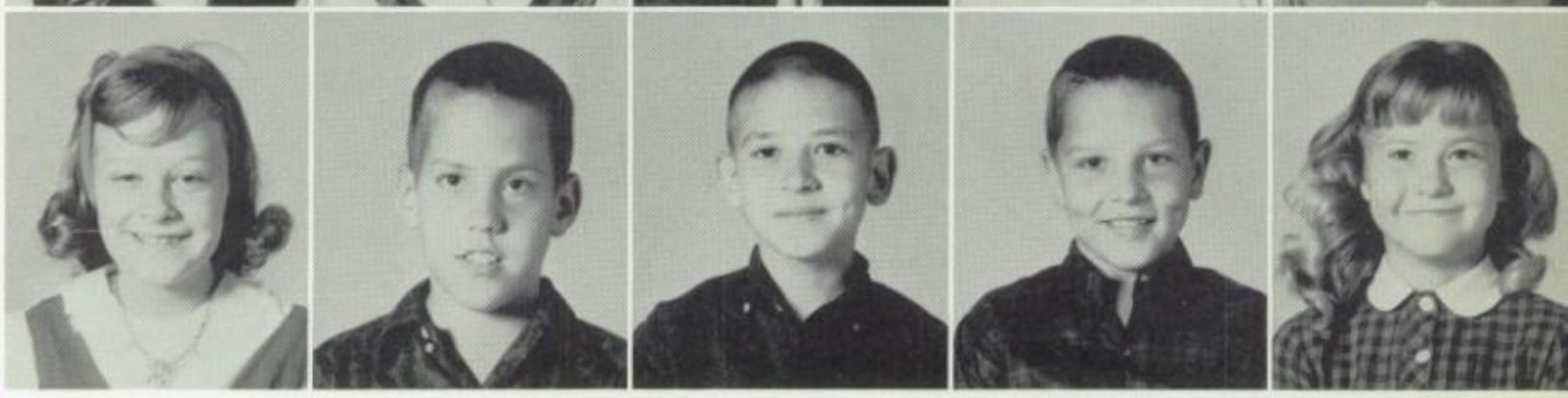
Patricia Carroll
Ricky Cox
Jamie Davis
Debra Dickerson
Dwayne Eason

Oscar Foster
Darlene Gray
David Hardin
Judy Hart
Nancy Hayes

Allen Henderson
Herman Keenon
Ronnie Keys
Ophelia Kirkpatrick
Garland Little

Linda McCalister
Rhonda McDonald
John McKnight
Billy McMeans
Justin O'Neal

Patricia Oxford
John Ratliff
Ray Ridge
Jerry Roskam
Susan Russell



This must really be a funny story. Even Mrs. Vandiver is laughing.

Alma Sanner
Mike Scott
Terrilyn Shahan
Bobby Simpson
Billy Smith

Donna Stephens
Terry Taylor
Billy Thacker
Sandra Vansill
Jana Wright

THIRD GRADE

'Tis Easter - 'Tis Spring

Lulabeth Aldridge
Lea Ann Allen
Jerry Austin

Jackie Bench
Bruce Bohannan
Terri Briscoe
Jesse Carothers
Jill Carroll

Jerrell Chapman
Wanda Corbin
Carrie Davis
Rickey Davis
Sharon Dyer

Brenda Eason
Dewayne Ficklin
Sunnie Firestone
Danny Fletcher
Alex Foster

Carolyn Foster
Brenda Fowler
Cheryl Harmon
Richard Harper
Deborah Lumbert

Mary Jones
Babe Keenon
Anthony Kelly
Leonard Ketchum
Raymond Kiles

Jeanie Knight
Johnny Leffler
Ronnie McCalister
Robert Milburn
Janet McKnight

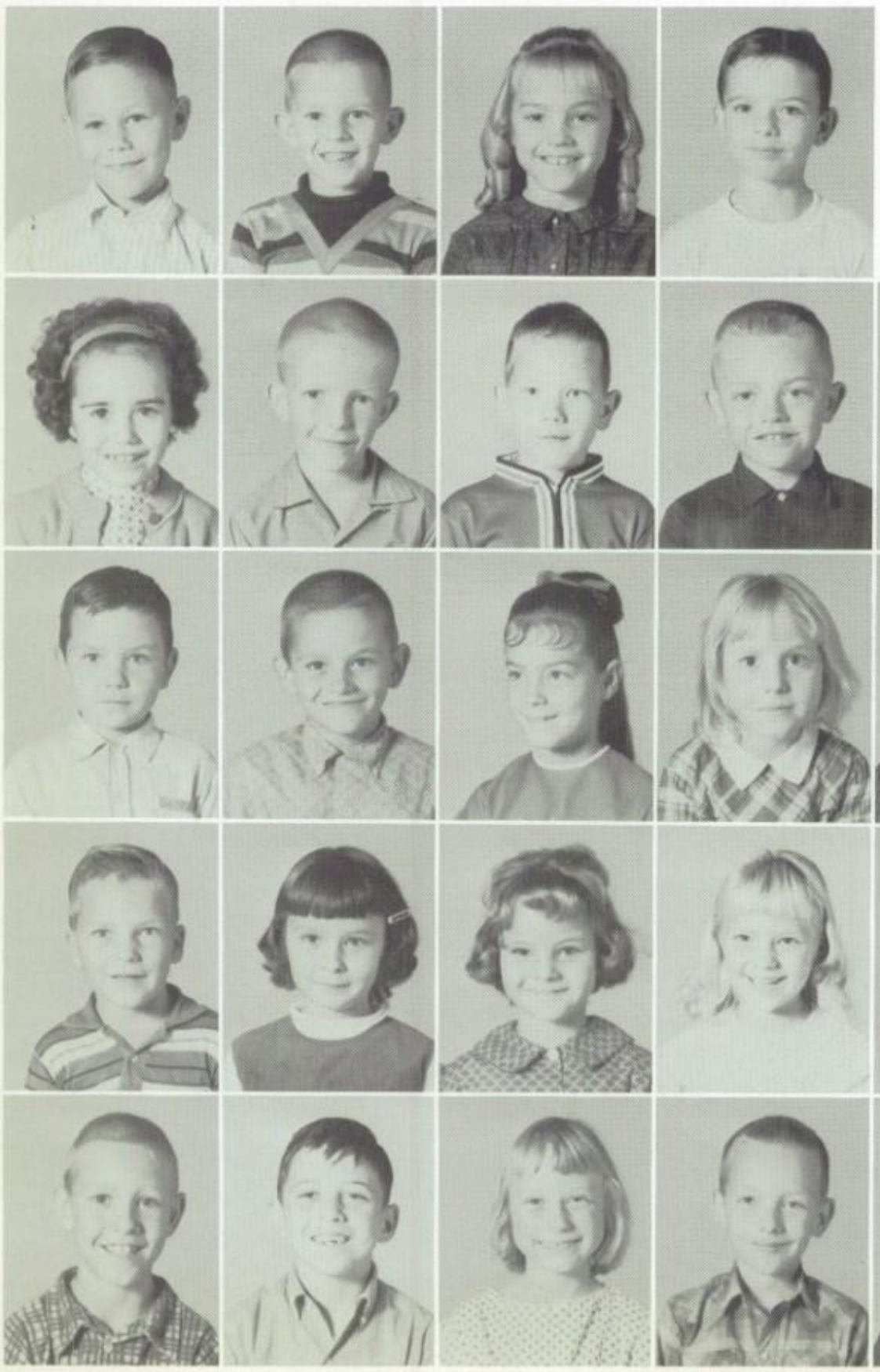
Ronald Norton
Stephen Norton
Deanna Peavler
David Ponder
Leslie Presgrove

Learning to make change is fun at the Velma-Alma Market.

Larry Schoonover
Jerry Sellers
Beverly Shahan
Stevie Spencer
Donna Stephens

Deborah Thacker
Randy Vandiver
Freddie Vansill
Susan Walker
Gary Wright

SECOND GRADE



Kris Brown
Scotty Bryant
Toni Bohannan
Ronnie Bumpas

Debra Burris
Johnny Clower
Ronald Daniels
Ronnie Darity
Steven Darter

Johnny Denton
Dennis Dickerson
Teresa Dix
Wanda Dulworth
Connie Erwin

Matthew Foster
Vickie Foster
Denette Fowler
Billie Gray
Debra Harmon

Ricky Hart
William Hayes
Lisa Haynie
Mark Jameson
Mark Jones

Pamela Jones
Jo Keenon
Michael Kiles
Debra Knutson
Gary Lane

Steven Linke
Lawrence Loftis
Deborah Loring
Rosa Lumbert
Rocky Massie

Sandy McDonald
Tony McMeans
Debra Minnick
Dennis Morgan
Brian Ratliff

Fall is in the air, and Mrs. Denson's second graders are getting ready for Thanksgiving.

James Rhodes
Ricky Robinson
Ronald Roskam
Peggy Russell
Larry Sanner

Tommy Saville
Donna Stephenson
Robert Taylor
Douglas Thomas
Jerry Vance

Kenneth Vansill
Jay Weed
Willie Whisenhunt
Kenneth Williams
Jon Wright

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Smith's first graders hear a story on a rainy day.

Donald Adams
Teresa Brewer

Diane Cartwright
David Carothers
Mark Caruthers
Lisa Darter
Billy Dickerson

Valerie Dix
Vanette Dix
Mike Duncan
Karen Duke
Patti Gilbert

Pam Hamesley
Julie Hart
Alton Henderson
Kimberly Ivy
Kermit Keenon

Michael Kelly
Curtis Landram
Melaine Kaye Lane
Debbie Ledbetter
Richard Loring

David Lumbert
Jimmy Lumbert
Jeffery Milburn
Glenda Minnick
Carla Morris

David Norton
Frankie O'Neal
C. D. Parks
Johnny Ponder
Thomas Presgrove

Astronauts of the future are studying science now in Mrs. Pierce's first grade.

Bill Reed
Jo Anne Romine
Debbie Smith
Suzanne Spence
Susan Taylor

Bryan Thacker
Lois Vansill
Becky Weaver
Renee Weldon
Sherry Whisenhunt

Sixth graders were regular visitors to our high school library.

"The time has come," the teacher said, "to study many things."

Fifth graders step to the music.

GRADE SNAPS

Take a close look at our future twirlers.

GRADE SCHOOL SNAPS

Students at work.

We decorated for Christmas.

Nursery rhyme characters come alive in our room.

Gather 'round.

Christmas finally came!

Left: Fifth and sixth grade band.

KINDERGARTEN

We work and play.

"Teacher"
Mrs. Thompson

We went to "Big School" to help crown the Annual Queens.

Terri Allen

Bobby Crabtree

John Crites

Sandy Linke

Pat McClanahan

Doug McKelvain

Pam McNeil

Dusty Pruitt

Lee Ratliff

Terry Thacker

FAVORITES

SENIOR HIGH
ANNUAL KING AND QUEEN
Buddy Burner and Paula Caruthers

JUNIOR HIGH
ANNUAL KING AND QUEEN
Ricky Webb and Marie Files

GRADE SCHOOL
ANNUAL KING AND QUEEN
Curtis Landram and Debbie Smith

ANNUAL KING AND QUEEN CORONATION SNAPS

ANNUAL KINGS AND QUEENS
Debbie Smith, Curtis Landram, Paula Caruthers, Buddy Bruner, Marie Files, Ricky Webb

HIGH SCHOOL CANDIDATES
Sophomores: Linda Smith, James Emmons, Juniors: Vauda Golson, Randy Davis

JUNIOR HIGH CANDIDATES
Freshmen: Karen Smith, George Hanks, Seventh: Debbie Pogue, Turner Biffle

GRADE SCHOOL CANDIDATES
Lisa Haynie, Ronnie Daniels, Michael Kelly, Melanie Kaye Lane, Sandie McDonald, Kris Brown, Johnny Leffler, Deborah Lumbert, Carrie Davis, Jerrall Chapman

GRADE SCHOOL CANDIDATES
Doris Ellis, Ike McNutt, Freddy Carroll, Terry Shahan, Jamie Davis, Oscar Foster, Gary Brown, Ann Mullins, Paula Spurgin, Stanley Hargrove, Linda Harden, John Teel

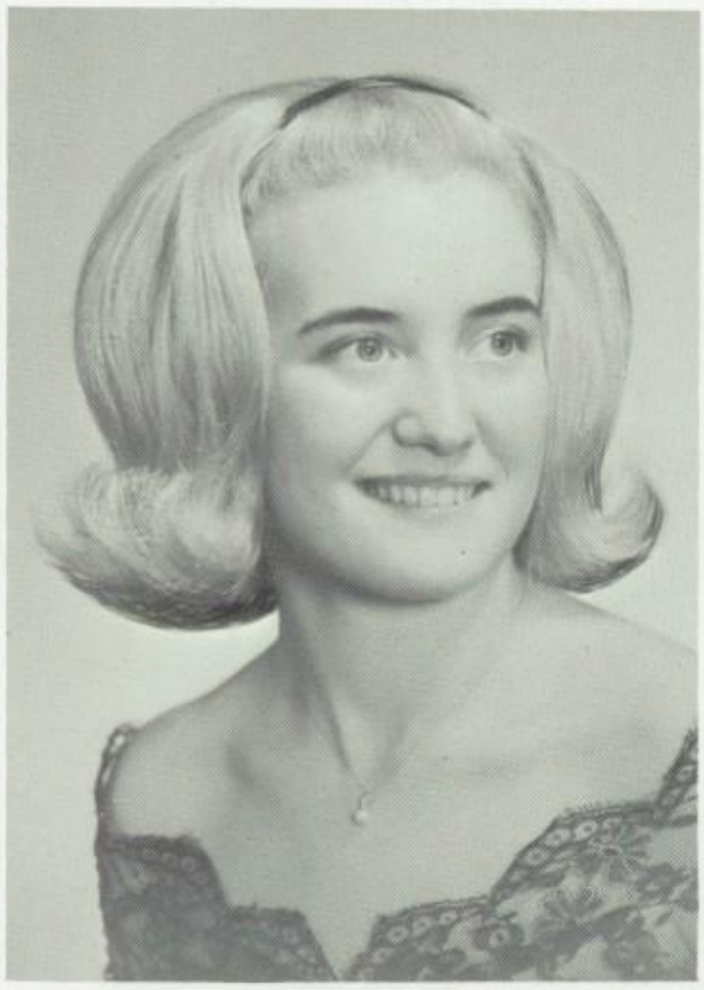
FOOTBALL ROYALTY

QUEEN
Francie Biffle

ATTENDANT
Cynthia McClennen

ATTENDANT
Brenda Pierce

BASKETBALL ROYALTY



ATTENDANT
Pam Prater

ATTENDANT
Pat Strickland

QUEEN
Lynne Layn

ATTENDANT

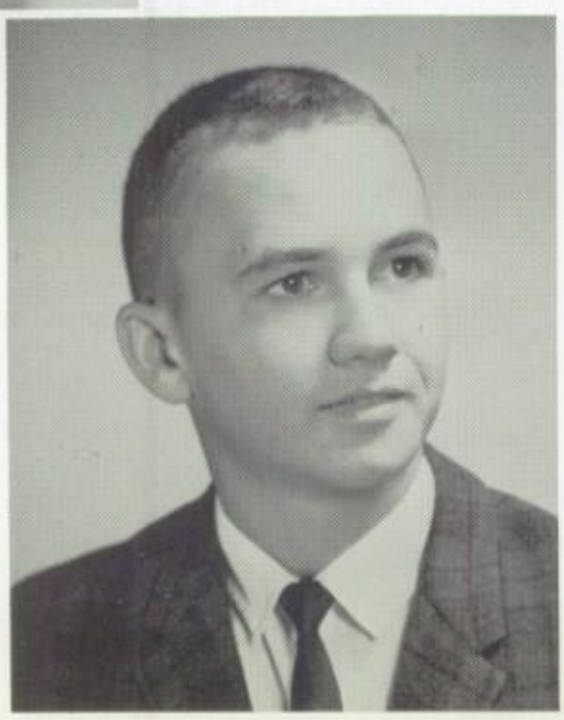
Harolyn Love

ESCORT

Greg Pierce

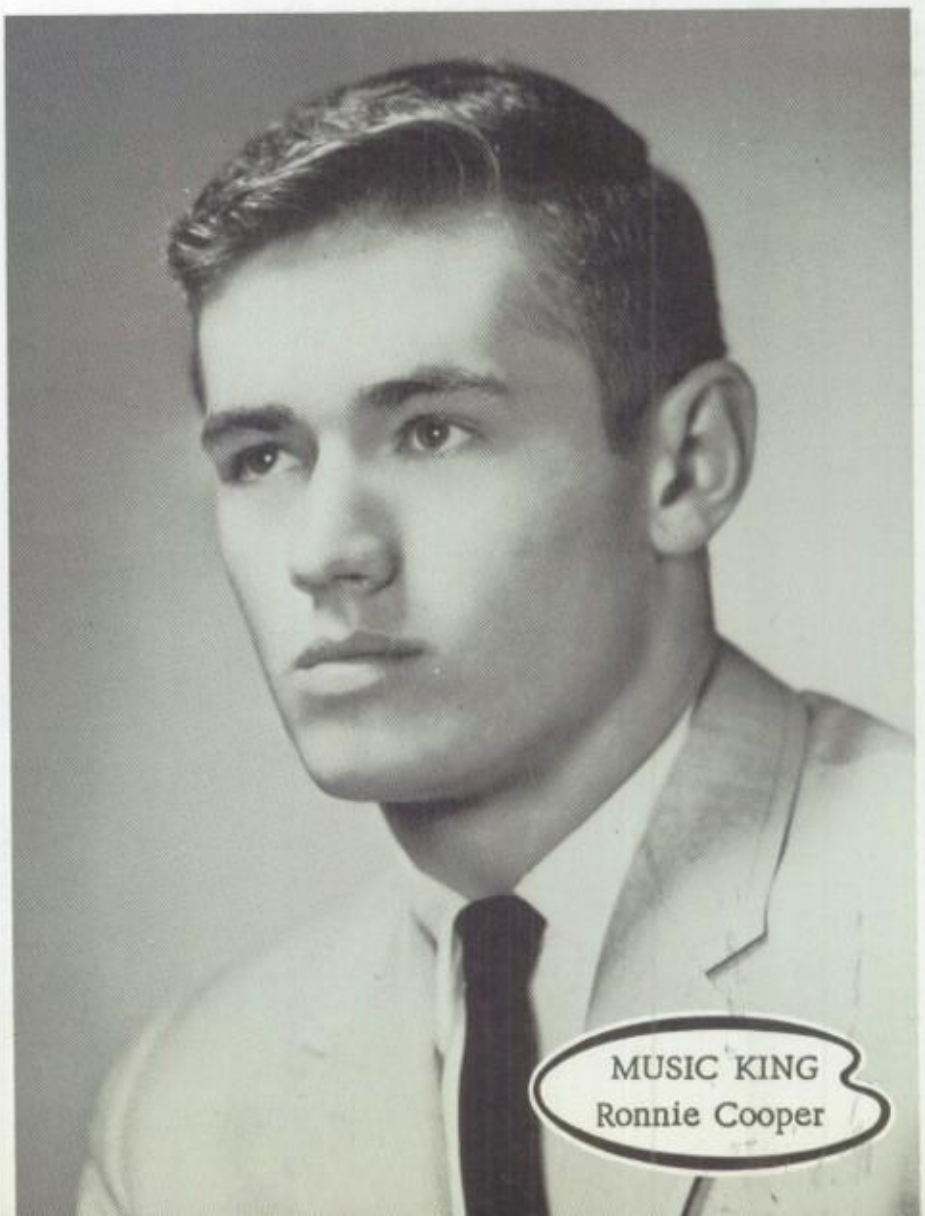
ATTENDANT

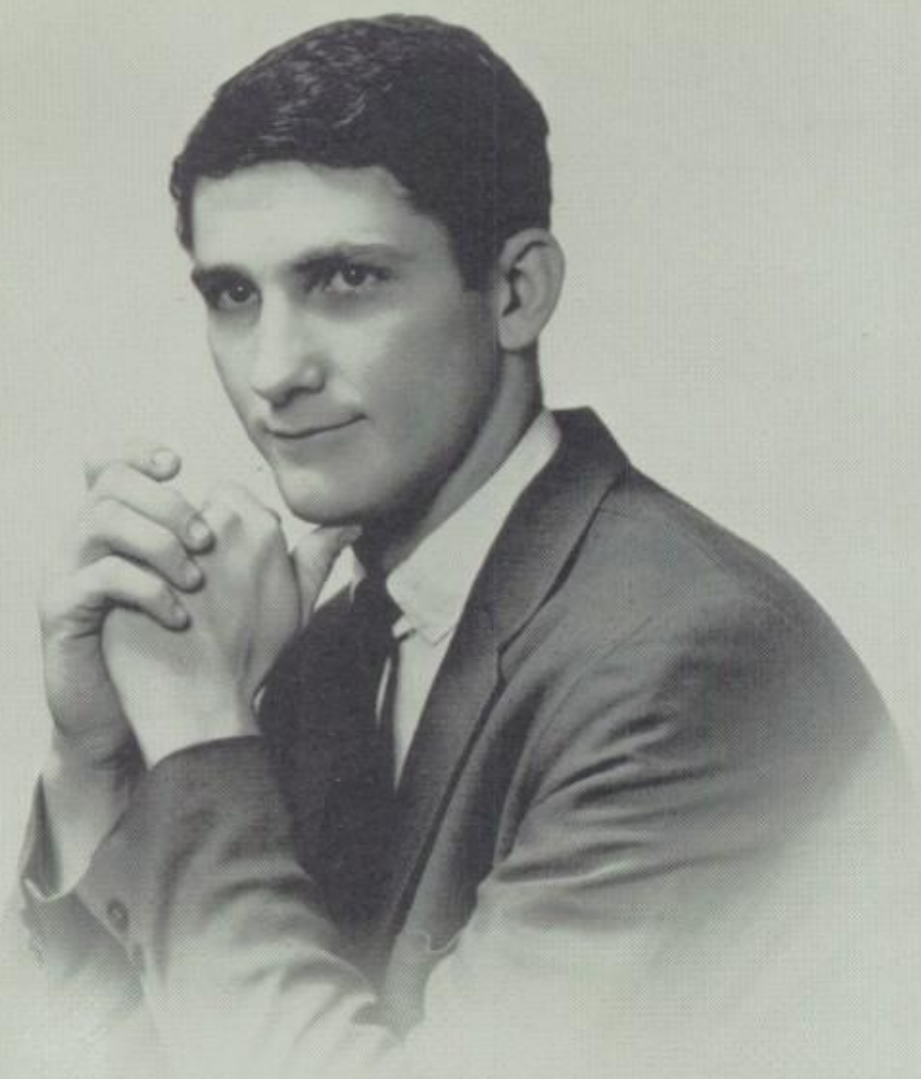
Karen Anderson



ESCORT

Larry Carey





F.H.A. BEAU

DICKIE BISHOP

F.F.A. SWEETHEART

BRENDA PIERCE

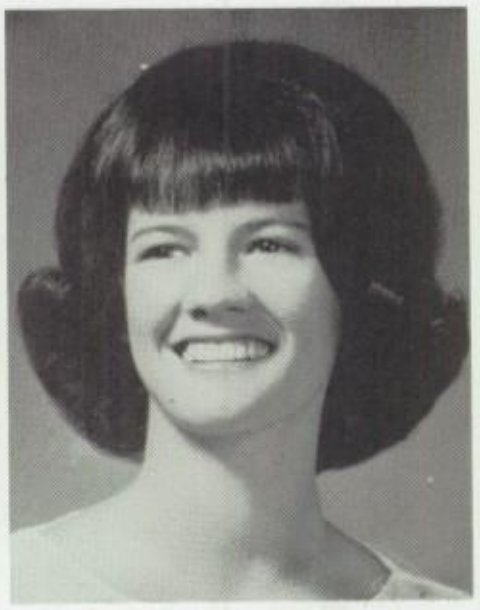
First Runner-up
Cynthia McClennen

Vicky Bayouth

Paula Caruthers

PAM PRATER
Miss V-A, 1965

Second Runner-up
Harolyn Love



Francie Biffle

Vauda Nell Golson

Coleen Landram

Linda Presgrove

Myrna Spurgin

SENIOR HIGH MR. AND MISS FRIENDLY

LANA DAVIS
and
WELDON POLLARD

JUNIOR HIGH MR. AND MISS FRIENDLY

MYRA SPURGIN
and
DANNY LOWRANCE

Sammie Cooksey presents flowers to our 1965 Miss V-A, Pam Prater.

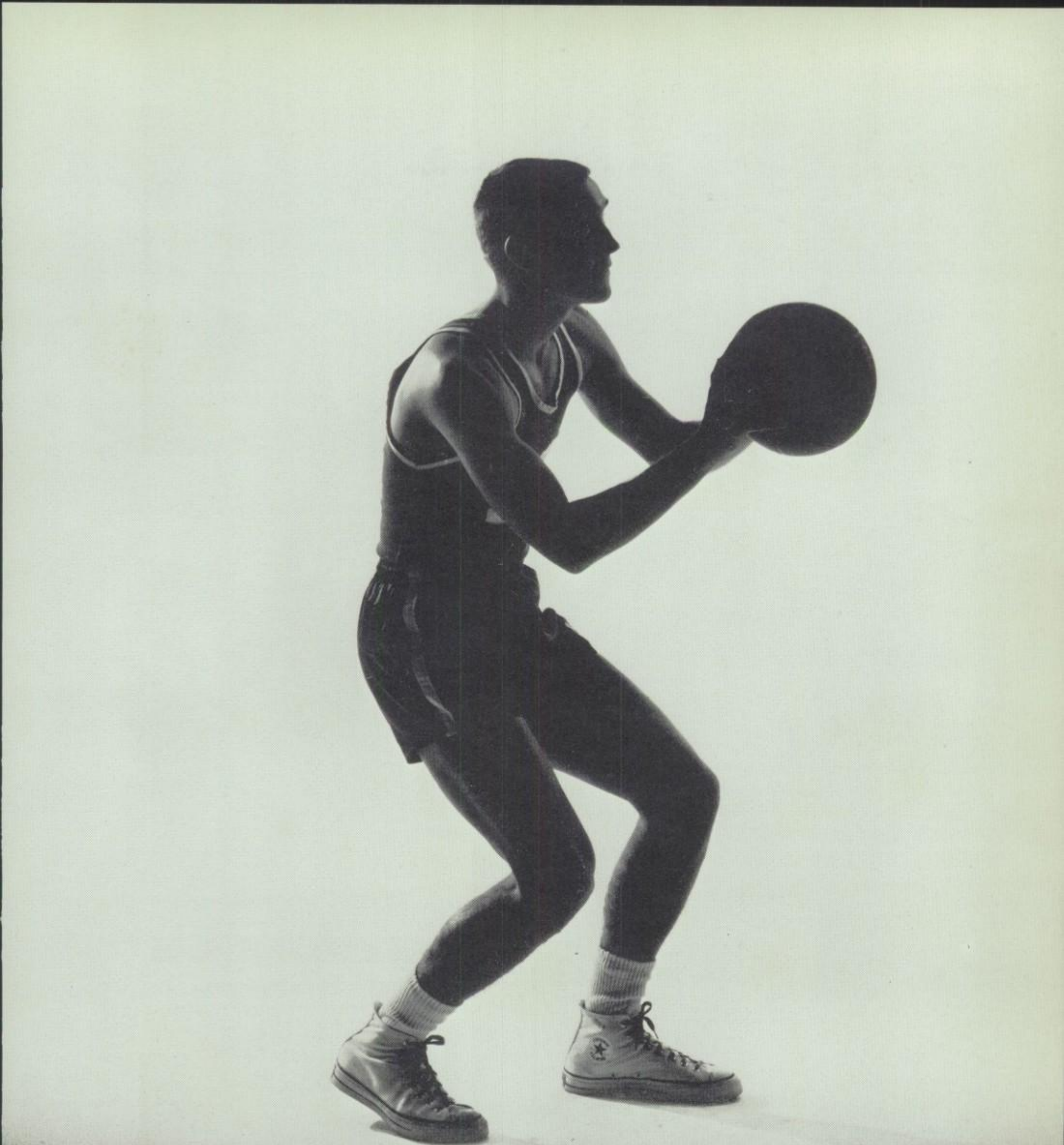
Escorts for Miss V-A were James Emmons, Buddy Webb, Luke Pollard, Dickie Bishop, Mike Prater, and Randy Davis. Karen Anderson was mistress of ceremonies.

ROYALTY SNAPS

ABOVE: Larry Carey, Dickie Bishop, Ronnie Cooper, Pam Prater, Lynne Layn, and Pat Strickland.

Music Coronation: Larry Carey, Karen Anderson, Myrna Spurgin, Ronnie Cooper, Harolyn Love, Greg Pierce. Flower girls: Faith Layn, Angel Anderson, Debbie Smith. Crown bearer: David Spurgin.

Brenda Pierce, Francie Biffle, and Cynthia McClennen.

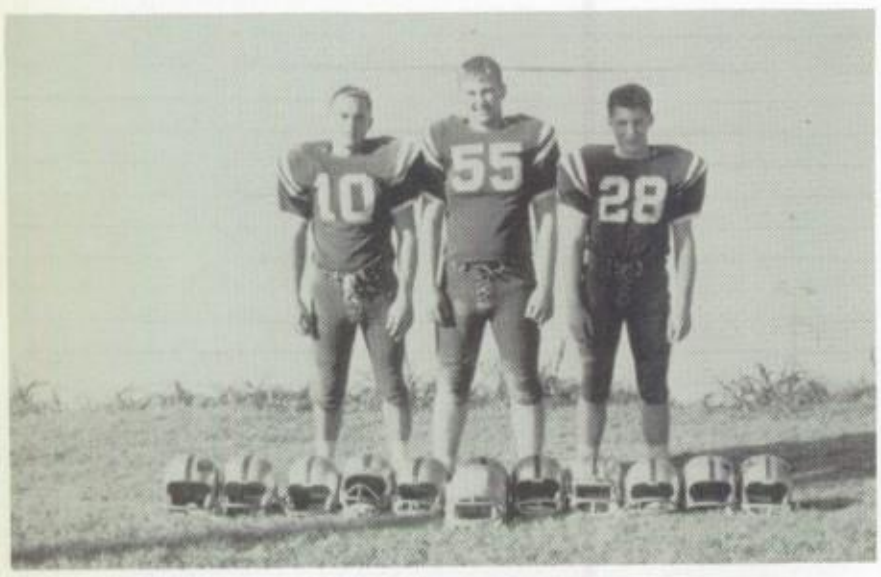


ATHLETICS

Coach Smith

Coach Cast

SENIORS: J. Wheeler, B. Bruner, J. Norton, R. Cooper, W. Pollard, D. Bishop, D. Henry, M. Burton, J. Bullock, L. Stephens, M. Cowan, H. Darity, D. Langdon.

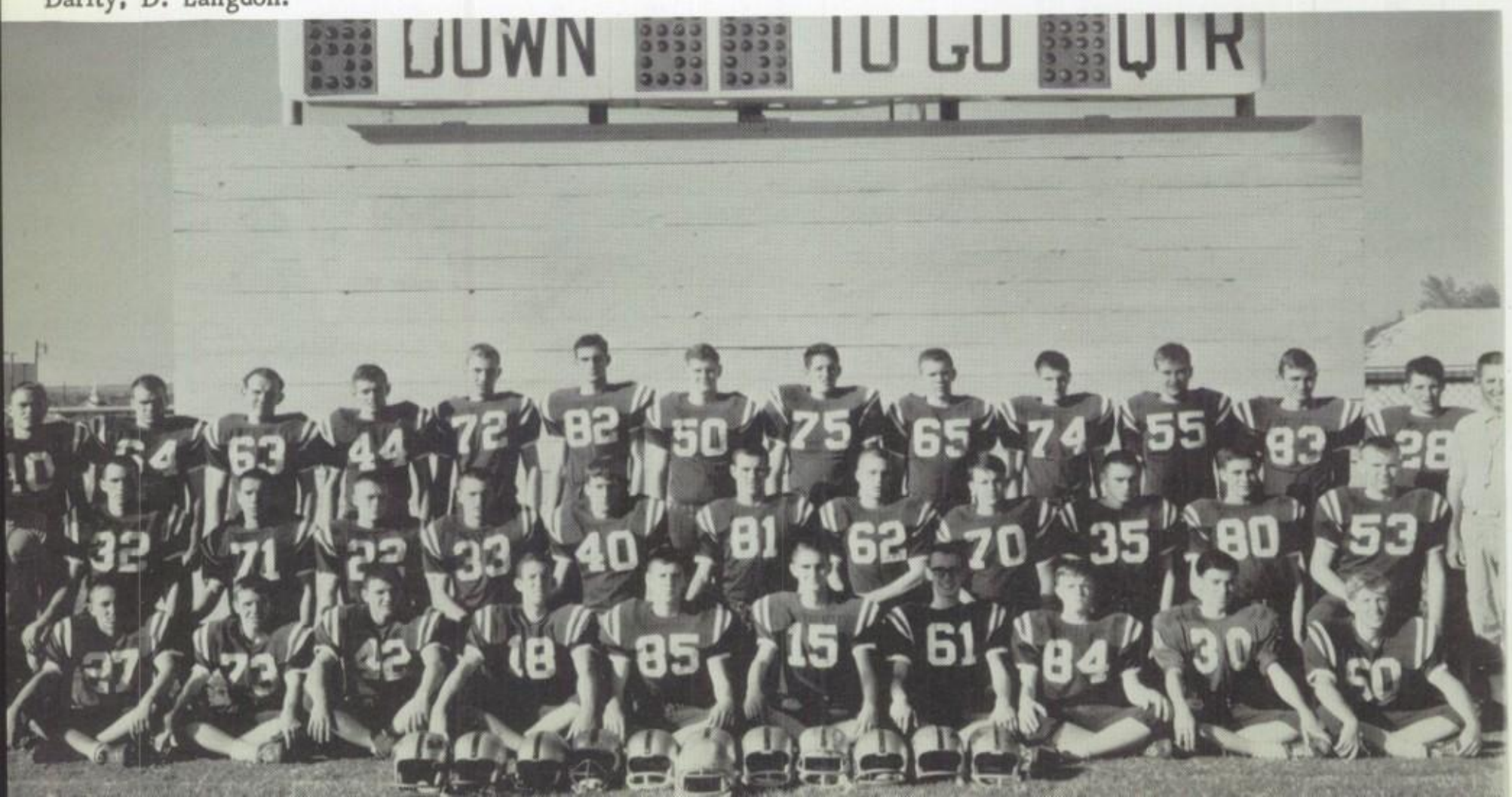


CAPTAINS: Wheeler, Cowan and Langdon

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

V-A	20	Waurika	12
V-A	51	Healdton	6
V-A	14	Walters	6
V-A	47	Fox	28
V-A	0	Marlow	25
V-A	48	Elmore	8
V-A	22	Comanche	8
V-A	6	Temple	0
V-A	14	Ringling	0

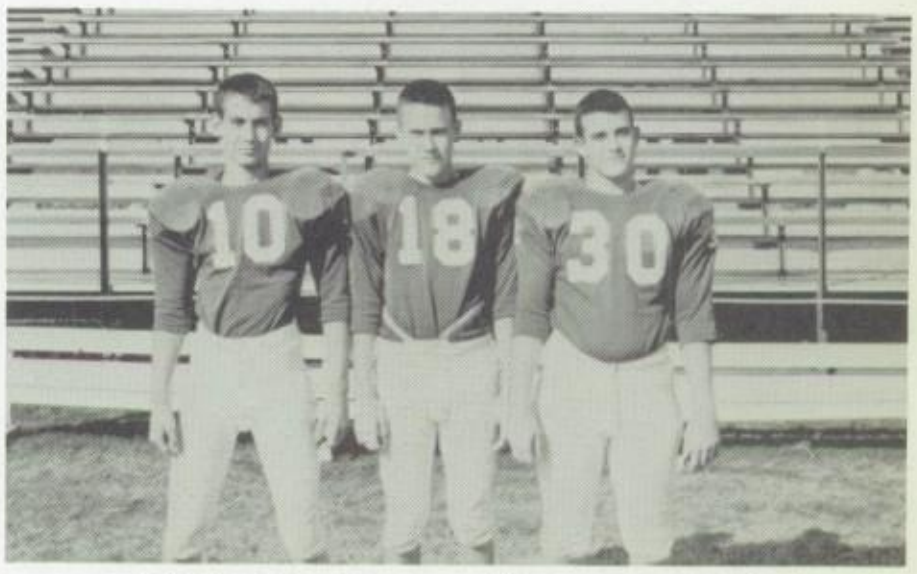
FIRST ROW: D. Ketchum, B. O'Bryant, T. Hargrove, J. Bartling, J. Watson, L. Cooley, J. Womack, H. Walling, R. Campbell, J. Briscoe. SECOND ROW: Coach Cast, J. Emmons, W. Sellers, G. Pierce, L. Romine, D. Ketchum, B. Webb, S. Constant, R. Davis, J. Hardin, M. Prater, P. Martin, Coach Smith. THIRD ROW: J. Wheeler, B. Bruner, J. Norton, R. Cooper, W. Pollard, D. Bishop, D. Henry, M. Burton, J. Bullock, L. Stephens, M. Cowan, H. Darity, D. Langdon.



George Hanks, Coach Roberts, and Kenny Layn admire the trophy our team received for winning the conference.

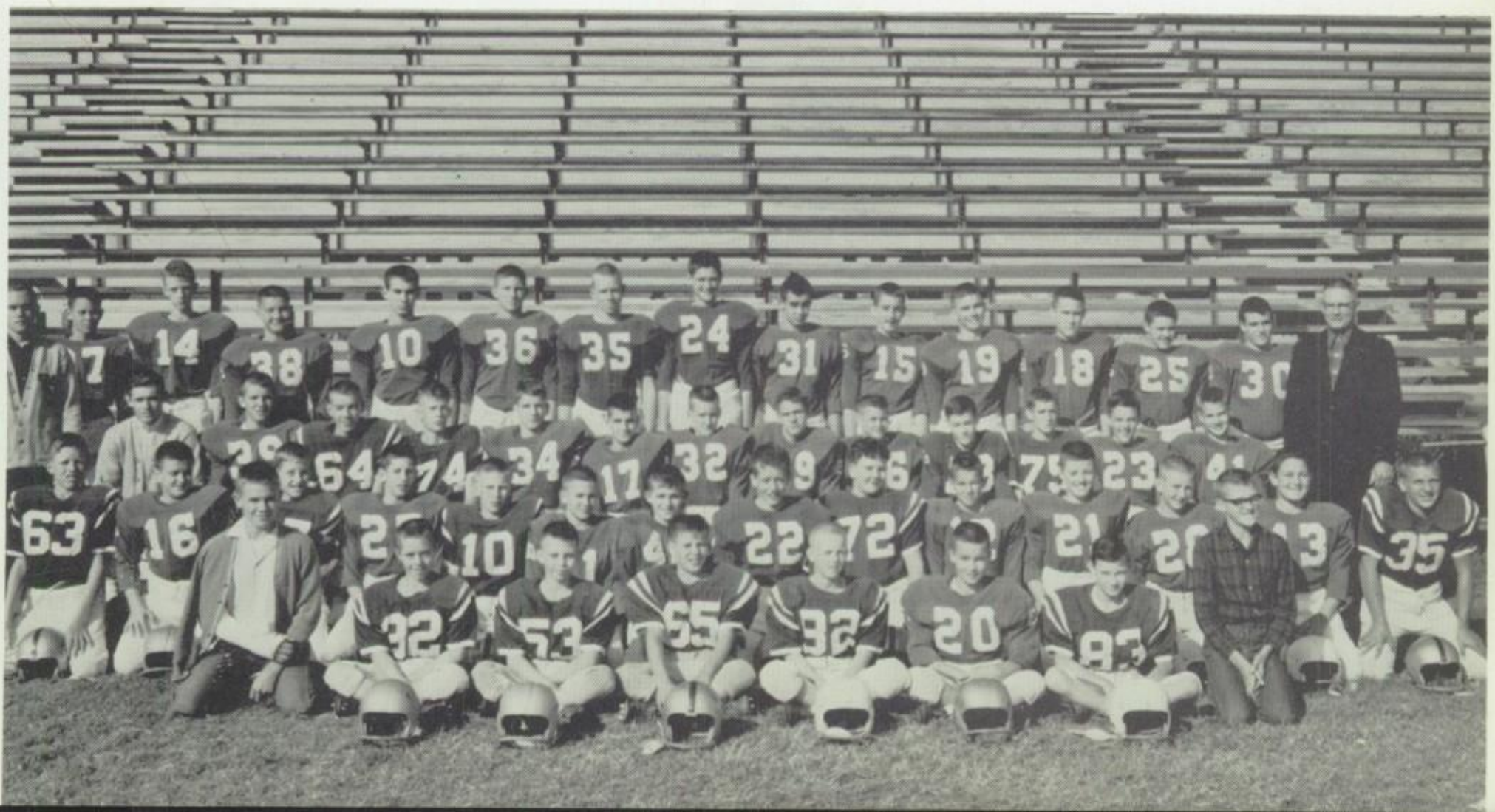
JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

V-A - - - - 20	Waurika - - - - - 6
V-A - - - - 20	Healdton - - - - 0
V-A - - - - 14	Walters - - - - - 0
V-A - - - - 24	Fox - - - - - - - 0
V-A - - - - 28	Marlow - - - - - 22
V-A - - - - 10	Elmore - - - - - 22
V-A - - - - 28	Comanche - - - 8
V-A - - - - 19	Ringling - - - - 12



CAPTAINS: Stewart, Thomas, and Wilson

FIRST ROW: J. O'Bryant, G. Presgrove, B. Wilson, B. Briscoe, C. Staggs, D. Miller, T. Rue, C. Dickerson. SECOND ROW: K. Jones, T. Wright, R. Allen, K. Ivy, T. Briscoe, L. Adcox, T. Blair, P. Haynie, T. Hinkle, T. Biffle, B. Ingrum, J. Bryant, B. Young, W. Adcox. THIRD ROW: R. Cooper, D. Lowrance, S. Graham, C. McCalister, S. Caruthers, J. Saville, J. Cooksey, D. Dulworth, D. Davidson, L. Pierce, J. Young, M. Teel, D. Watson. FOURTH ROW: J. Wheeler, M. Brown, T. Stephens, M. Sellers, J. Stewart, K. Layn, C. Gordon, G. Jackson, G. Hanks, J. Allen, B. Shahan, J. Thomas, R. Webb, S. Wilson, Coach Roberts.



BOYS BASKETBALL

SENIORS: David Langdon, Larry Carey, Dickie Bishop, Ronnie Cooper, Jerry Wheeler

STANDING: Coach Cast, Kenneth Maxwell, Brantly Holder, Ronnie Cooper, Jerry Wheeler. KNEELING: Larry Carey, Larry Romine.

V-A	39	Elmore City	27
V-A	45	Noble	41
V-A	47	Fox	43
V-A	42	Rush Springs	38
V-A	51	Ryan	22
V-A	46	Marlow	60
V-A	45	Waurika	46
V-A	38	Comanche	76
V-A	61	Central	42
V-A	42	Marlow	45
V-A	38	Marlow	67
V-A	48	Waurika	61
V-A	41	Walters	58

SENIOR-HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM: STANDING: Greg Pierce, James Emmons, Buddy Webb, Coach Cast, Gary Wright, David Langdon, Dwight Browder. KNEELING: Jerry Wheeler, Larry Carey, Brantly Holder, Dickie Bishop, Ronnie Cooper, Larry Romine.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

SENIORS: Pat Strickland, Pam Prater, Donna McGuire, Lynne Layn, Myrna Spurgin

V-A - - - - 35	Elmore City - - - 29
V-A - - - - 45	Noble - - - - - - - 43
V-A - - - - 38	Fox - - - - - - - - 51
V-A - - - - 19	Rush Springs - - - 25
V-A - - - - 39	Ryan - - - - - - - - 50
V-A - - - - 23	Marlow - - - - - 41
V-A - - - - 39	Woodland - - - - 57
V-A - - - - 47	Waurika - - - - - 36
V-A - - - - 46	Comanche - - - - 68
V-A - - - - 34	Loco - - - - - - - - 33
V-A - - - - 32	Bray - - - - - - - - 43
V-A - - - - 38	Marlow - - - - - 50
V-A - - - - 32	Comanche - - - - 57
V-A - - - - 30	Waurika - - - - - 45
V-A - - - - 31	Comanche - - - - 60

STARTING SIX: Pat Strickland, Pam Prater, Barbara McCalister, Linda Biffle, Donna McGuire, Phyllis Bryant.

SENIOR-HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM: Myrna Spurgin, Lois Files, Pat Strickland, Pam Prater, Barbara McCalister, Linda Biffle, Donna McGuire, Phyllis Bryant, Jan Golson, Francie Biffle, Mr. Cast, Vauda Nell Golson, Coleen Landram, Lynne Layn, Karoleen Henry, Cathy Whidden, Linda Smith.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

CAPTAINS

Steve Caruthers,
Kenny Layn, Johnny Cooksey

JUNIOR HIGH TEAM: Dickie Saville, Johnny Cooksey, Steve Caruthers, Ricky Webb, John Allen, Kenny Layn, Gary Jackson, Cliff Gordon, Bobby Shahan, Joe Thomas, Mike Brown, Larry Pierce; Coach Roberts.

FIRST ROW: R. Allen, C. Staggs, B. Young, D. Corbin, T. Biffle; SECOND ROW: T. Wright, M. Teel, C. Dickerson, T. Johnson, THIRD ROW: K. Ivy, W. Adcox, B. Ingrum, J. Young, C. McCalister, T. Stevens, L. Darity, D. Lowrance, S. Graham, D. Watson, J. O'Bryant, D. Davidson, L. Adcox.

MAIN STRING
Gerrie Jones
Bobette Young
Elizabeth Wright
Verna Devers
Karen Smith
Cathy Jones

FIRST ROW: Karen Smith, Deena Norton, Barbara Thomas, Bobette Young, Pat Womack, Franky Bryant, Clara Bumpas; SECOND ROW: Coach, Miss Thompson, Gerrie Jones, Lynda Jones, Shirley Presgrove, Verna Devers, Elizabeth Wright, Kathy Roskam, Sharon Aldridge, Glynda Browder, Cathy Jones, Manager; Myra Sprugin.

EIGHTH GRADE
FIRST ROW: Diana Cowan, Rita Conditt, Susan Hale, Beverly Perdue, Jo Dean Allred; SECOND ROW: Marie Files, Judy Campbell, Sheila Cope, Laura Cooley, Verna Devers, Connie Knutson.

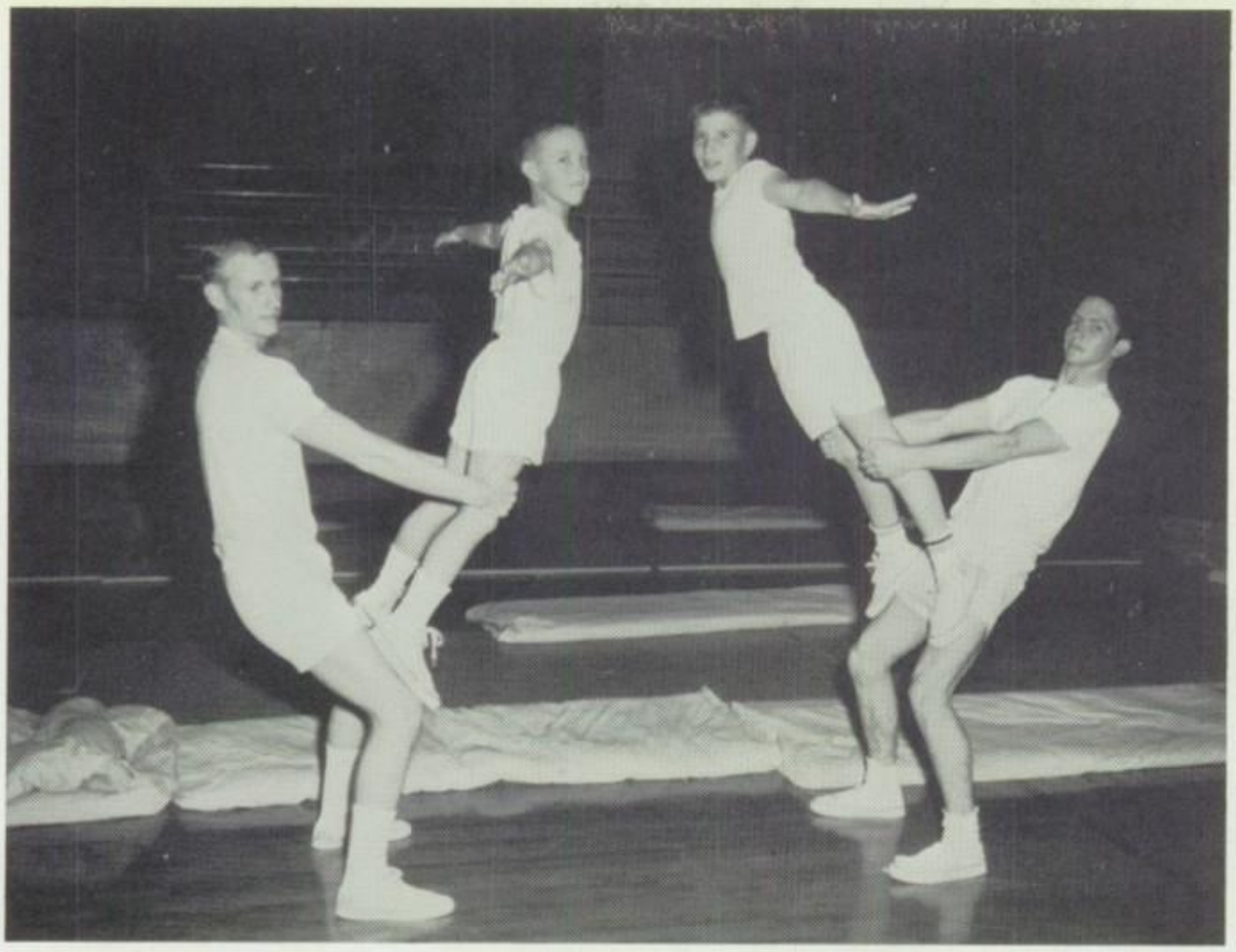
TRACK

FIRST ROW: Danny Ketchum, Ronnie Campbell, Terry Harden; SECOND: Jesse Bartling, Teddy Hargrove, Larry Cooley, John Watson, Johnny Briscoe, Steve Romine, James Emmons; THIRD: Greg Pierce, Larry Romine, Jimmy Kirby, Buddy Webb, David Ketchum, Willy Sellers, Randy Davis; FOURTH: Coach Cast, Jerry Wheeler, Larry Carey, Ronnie Cooper, Weldon Pollard, Max Whaley, Joe Bob Norton, Coach Smith.

Coach Smith

Coach Cast

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



It's not as easy as it looks.

Lynn says, "I could use some help."

When the coach says jump, he jumps.

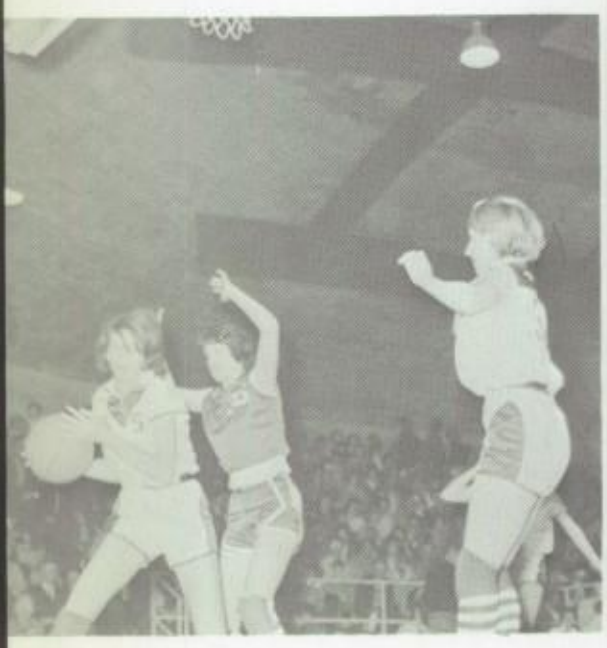
Merrily, we roll along.

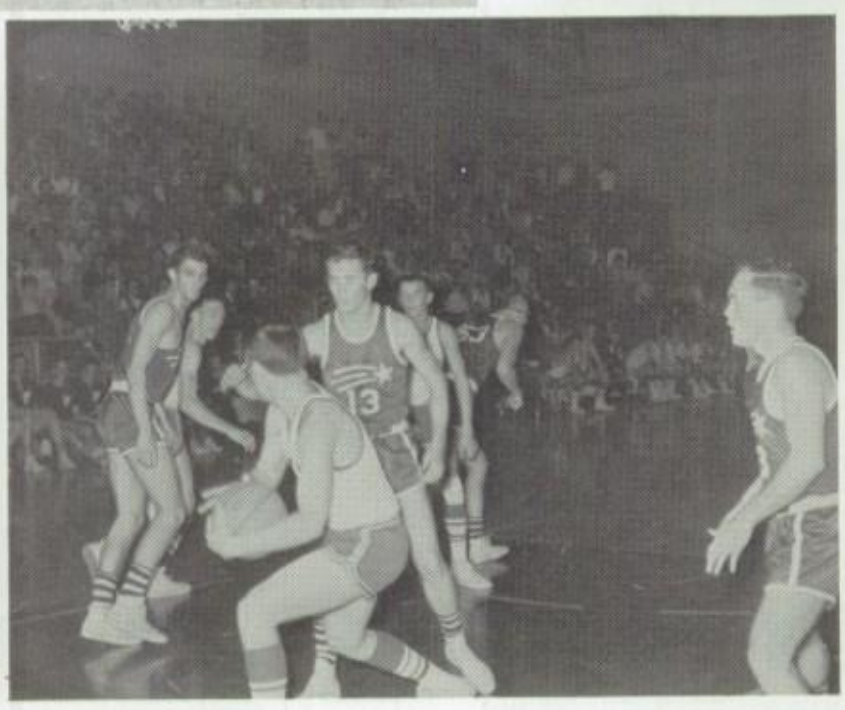
Great fun if you can do it . . . !

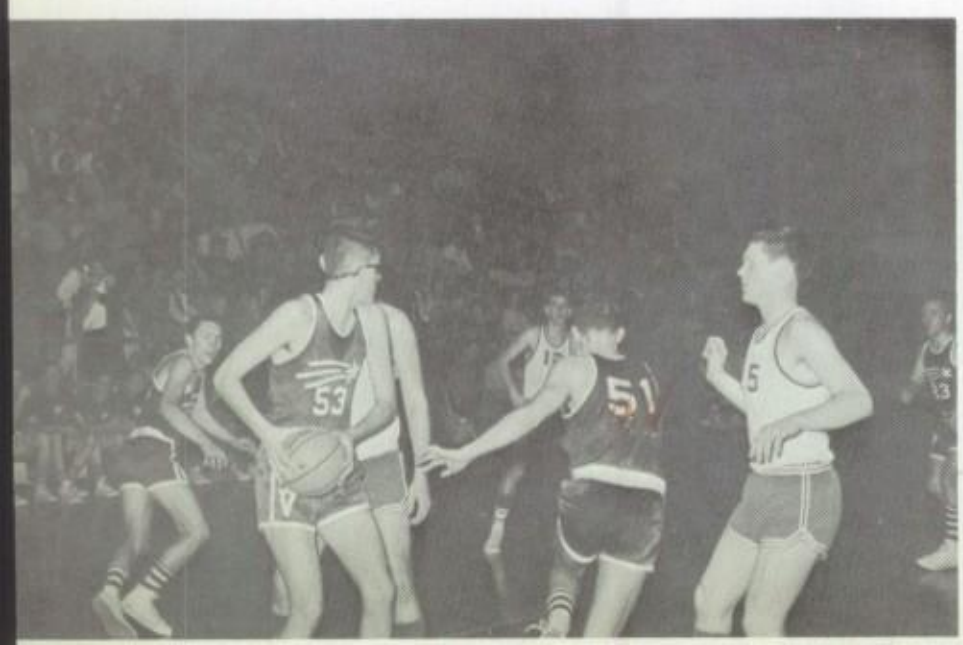
"All set?"

SNAPS

Each player does his job as the Comets continue to move against their opponents.







ORGANIZATIONS

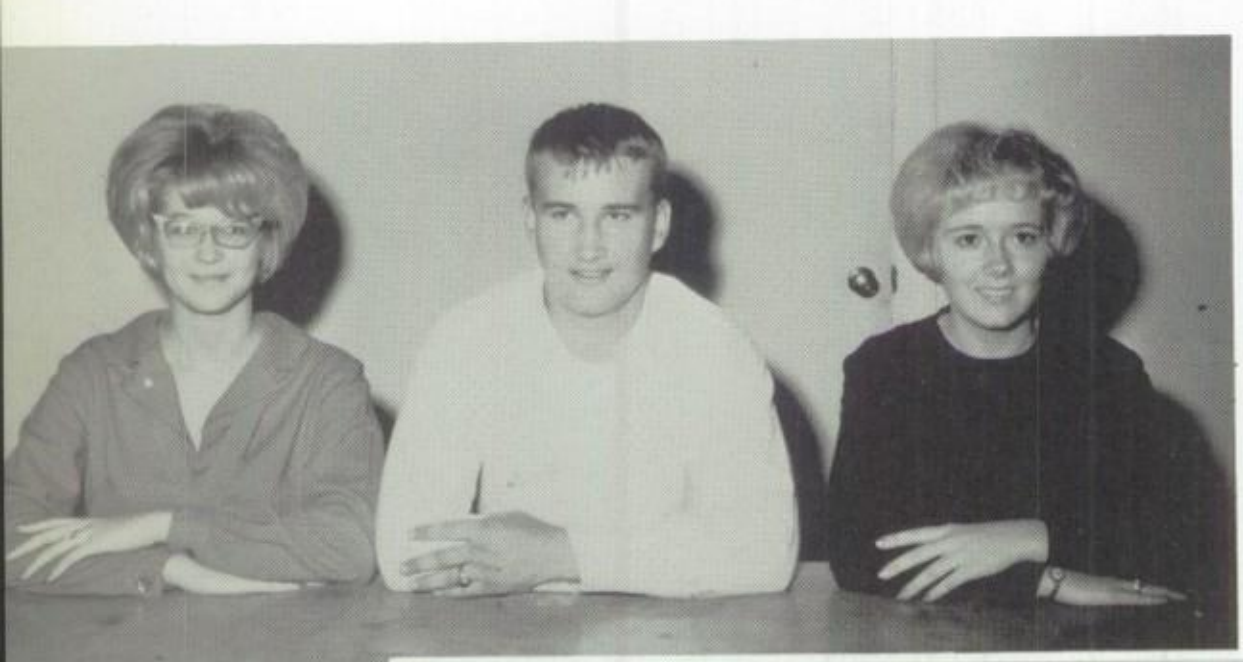
Our student council is a busy group. Carrying out their many activities keeps them constantly on the go.

Regular projects of the student council are Homecoming activities, Christmas doors, Christmas gifts for the needy, and twirp week.

Special projects this year were getting "V-A Comets" painted on the water tower and buying the beautiful modern painting shown at the left for our hall,

LEFT: Linda Presgrove and Lanny Landram admire the new painting purchased by the student council.

STUDENT COUNCIL



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

Linda Presgrove - - -Vice-President
Mickey Cowan - - - - - - President
Coleen Landram - - - - - Secretary

FRONT ROW: Lynne Layn, Linda Landram, Jan Golson, Deena Norton, Shirley Dyer, Debbie Mullins. BACK ROW: Lyn Milburn, Lanny Landram, John Watson, Bobby Shahan, James O'Bryant, Roger Allen.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

FIRST: James O'Bryant, Harolyn Love, Nita Blodgett, Myrna Spurgin, Lana Davis, Greg Pierce, Jerry Wheeler; SECOND: Larry Carey, Karen Anderson, Pam Prater, Barbara McCalister, Mickey Cowan, Larry Romine, and sponsor, Mrs. Allen.

OFFICERS

Larry Carey - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - President

Karen Anderson - - - - - - - - - - - - Vice-President

Nita Blodgett - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Secretary

Officers for the coming year were elected at the National Honor Society breakfast.

JUNIOR HIGH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

FIRST: Deena Norton, Jan Golson, Karen Smith, Lana Davis, Kathy Scott, Linda Smith; SECOND: Carolyn Ridge, Ann Lowrance, Alice Blodgett, Cliff Gordon, John Watson, Terry Harden.

The new members are: (FIRST) William Adcox, James O'Bryant, Sid Graham, Sharon Aldridge, (SECOND) Debby Harper, Shirley Dyer, Rita Conditt, Gail Duncan, Elizabeth Wright, Danny Lowrance, Tony Stephens, Mike Sellers, Laura Cooley.

OKLAHOMA HONOR SOCIETY

FIRST: Barbara McCalister, Lana Davis, Linda Landram, Pam Prater, Myrna Spurgin, Harolyn Love, Lynne Branch, Coleen Landram; SECOND: Rena Rowe, Billy O'Bryant, Jan Golson, Larry Cooley, Mickey Cowan, Larry Carey, Lanny Landram, Thomas Adcox, Larry Romine.

PTA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SITTING: Mmes. Lowrance, Ivy, Ketchum, Culver, Blodgett, Eason, Daniels. STANDING: Mr. Carey, Brown, Holder, Peters.

The homeroom mothers sacked our Christmas treats.

Everyone enjoys the refreshments served after each P. T. A. meeting.

The Mixed Chorus presented their Christmas Program for the P. T. A.

F H A

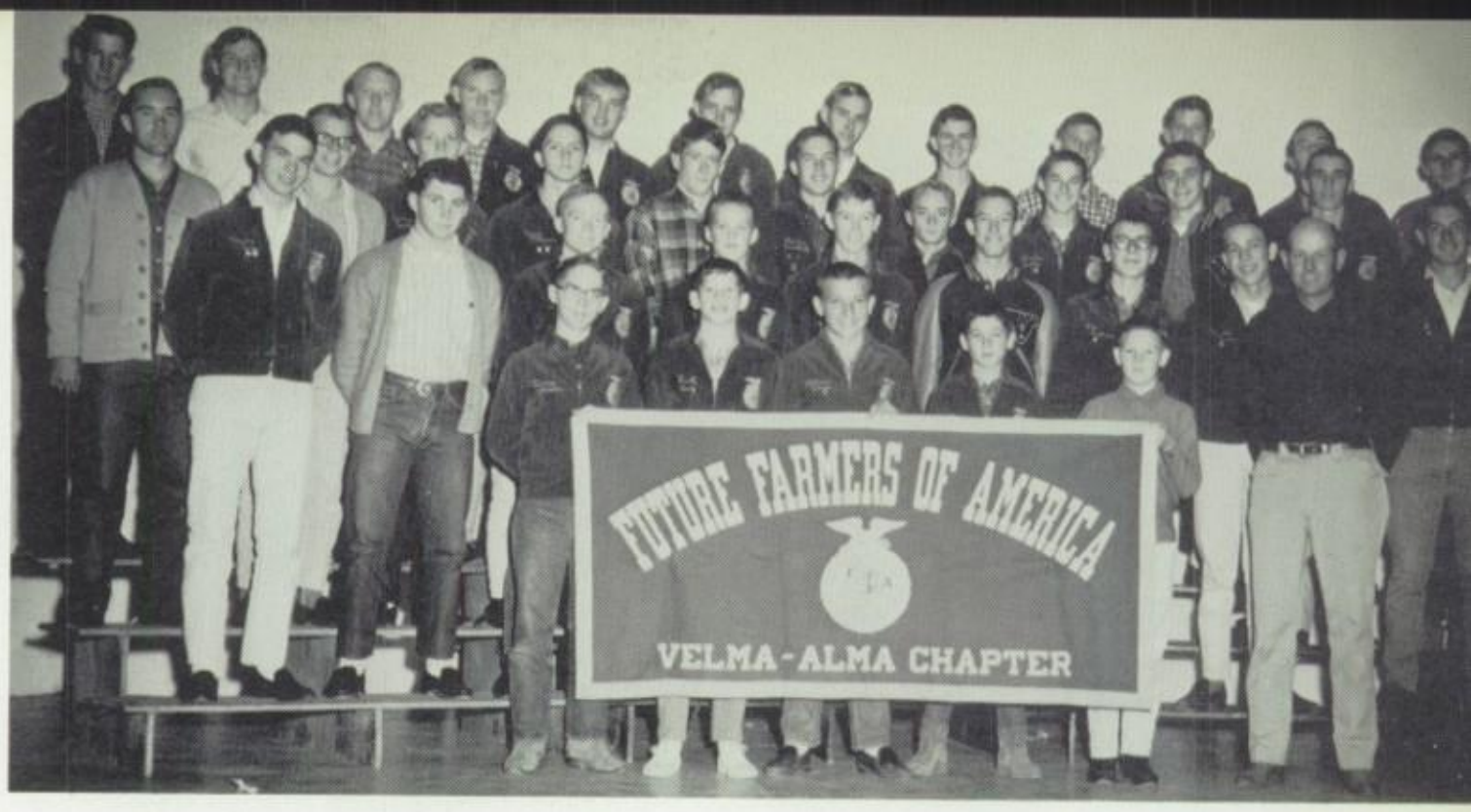
FIRST: B. Briscoe, J. Rehm, K. Smith, L. Smith, J. Ketchum, H. Wiggins, W. Browder, B. Pierce, L. Corbin, K. Smith, M. Spurgin, D. Norton, C. Bumpas; SECOND: P. Strickland, J. Johnson, F. Williams, L. Landram, L. Davis, A. Lowrance, L. Jackson, S. Miller, S. Rue, M. Thompson, B. Thomas, F. Bryant; THIRD: Mrs. Patton, Y. Moore, L. Presgrove, L. Branch, S. Dyer, E. Wright, S. Stroud, D. Bayouth, C. Landram, K. Henry, F. Biffle, B. Young, K. Henry, G. Browder; FOURTH: V. Bayouth, L. Emmons, S. Cockrell, F. Corbin, D. McGuire, M. Layn, P. Wiggins, L. Biffle, B. McCalister, P. Bryant, C. Whidden, S. Aldridge, L. Jones.

OFFICERS

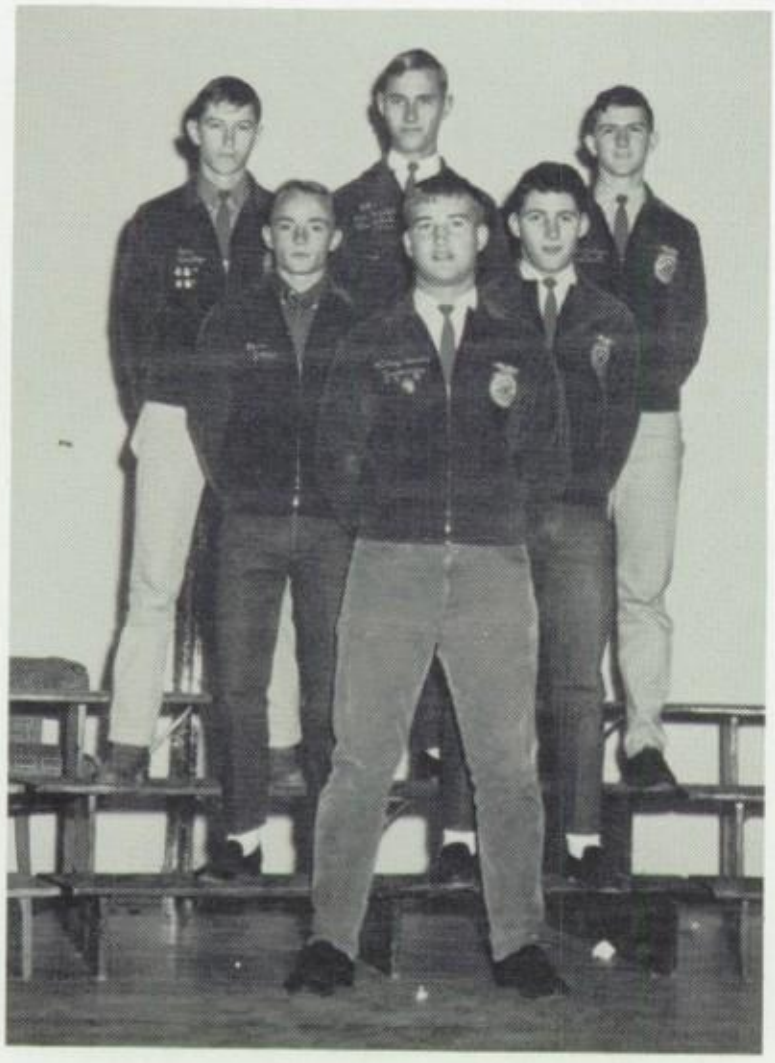
Linda Jo Presgrove - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Parliamentarian
Lana Davis - Historian
Mary Beth Lyan - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Reporter
Laura Emmons -Treasurer
Jan Rehm - Vice-President
Pat Strickland - President
Sharon Jackson - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Secretary

Looks as if these girls have things all sewed up.

F F A

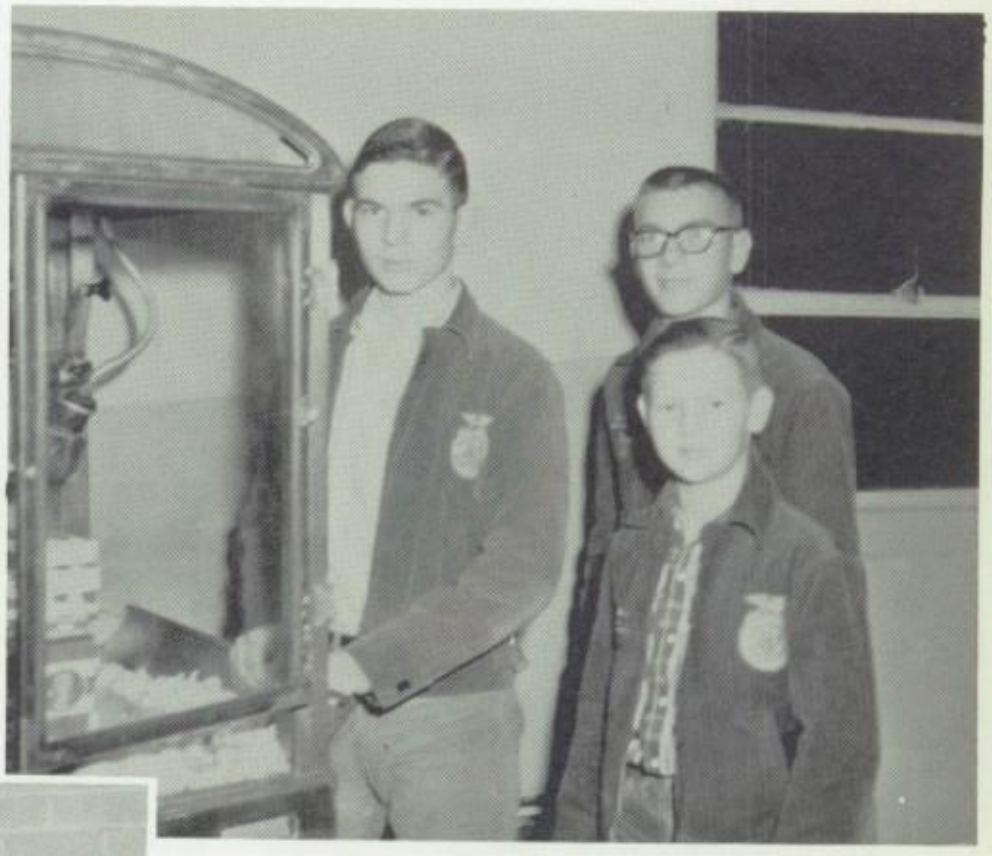


FIRST ROW: T. Johnson, K. Ivy, W. Adcox, A. Kirkpatrick, D. Corbin, Mr. Biffle; SECOND ROW: H. Love, D. Langdon, G. Pierce, J. Cooksey, L. Aldridge, J. Bartling, S. Graham, W. Cowan, T. Addox; THIRD ROW: J. Wheeler, B. O'Bryant, L. Landram, L. Milburn, D. Ketchum, S. Constant, R. Speaks, C. Foster, M. Prater, J. Emmons, V. Adams; FOURTH ROW: D. Dulworth, L. Stephens, D. Peters, P. Martin, M. Cowan, D. Cartwright, W. Pollard, M. Whaley, K. Layn, M. Burton, G. Young, G. Foster.



F. F. A. OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Mickey Cowan
SENTINEL
Roye Speaks
TREASURER
David Langdon
SECRETARY
Lyn Aldridge
VICE PRESIDENT
Luke Pollard
REPORTER
Max Whaley



The F. F. A. boys are in charge of the pop-corn stand at all activities.

Doesn't Kent Ivy have a nice looking lamb?

FIRST ROW: K. Scott, L. Cooley, K. K. Smith, A. Blodgett, D. Baylis, V. Devers, D. Mullins, B. Bruner, A. Rhodes; SECOND ROW: P. Womack, J. Meadows, C. Gordon, S. Dyer, C. Ridge, P. Beavers, P. Haynie, D. Corbin, M. Thompson, J. Robinson, R. Wright, T. Johnson; THIRD ROW: D. Corbin, K. L. Smith, C. Haynie, T. Blair, J. Johnson, L. Carey, B. Holder, L. Miears, D. Stine, B. Webb, L. Adcox, R. Allen, B. Moore, P. Thomas, G. McNutt, J. Allen, G. Jackson, C. Harper, D. Lowrance; FOURTH ROW: D. Harper, D. Thomas, C. Dickerson, M. Ossenbeck, D. Adams, Mr. Allen, D. Beasley, K. Ivy.

DRUM MAJOR: Judy Johnson

TWIRLERS

Karen Smith

Marilyn Thompson

Kathy Scott

Larry Carey won the Brandon award and Judy Johnson won the John Philip Sousa award.

VOCAL MUSIC

FIRST: K. Henry, C. McClennen, E. Blodgett, L. Smith, B. Pierce, M. Spurgin, W. Aldridge, W. Browder, Mrs. Prater; SECOND: D. Norton, S. Aldridge, J. Golson, L. Davis, H. Love, P. Caruthers, M. Spurgin; THIRD: H. Wiggins, C. Ridge, F. Biffle, B. Young, L. Landram, F. Williams, S. Dyer, A. Blodgett; FOURTH: S. Cooksey, F. Bryant, B. Thomas, J. Lee, P. Strickland, P. Prater, K. Anderson, M. Thompson; FIFTH: S. Oxford, M. Wright, V. Bayouth, D. Harper, L. Jackson, J. Robinson, L. Emmons, K. Henry; SIXTH: S. Stroud, D. Staggs, D. Thomas, L. Layn, L. Presgrove, L. Branch, M. Layn, A. Lowrance, L. Corbin, C. Whidden, Y. Moore.

FIRST: Mrs. Prater, Henry, McClennen, Blodgett, Smith, Pierce, Spurgin, Aldridge; SECOND: Norton, Aldridge, Golson, Davis, Love, Caruthers, Spurgin; THIRD: Ridge, Biffle, Young, Landram, Williams, Dyer, Blodgett; FOURTH: Cooksey, Bryant, Lee, Devers, Strickland; FIFTH: Miears, Bayouth, Layn, Presgrove, Branch, Layn, Lowrance, Henry; SIXTH: Womack, O'Bryant, Miears, Webb, Ferguson, Wheeler; SEVENTH: Harden, Henry, Langdon, Aldridge, Davis, Walling, Carey, Pierce, Beasley, Stine; EIGHTH: Peters, Cooper, Layn, Milburn, Cartwright, Prater, Martin, Pollard, Bishop, Constant, Whaley, Beasley, Love, Moore.

MIXED CHORUS

Cynthia McClennen, Vickey Bayouth, Lana Davis, Harolyn Love, Karolene Henry, and Wyonette Aldridge were the members of the Sextet.

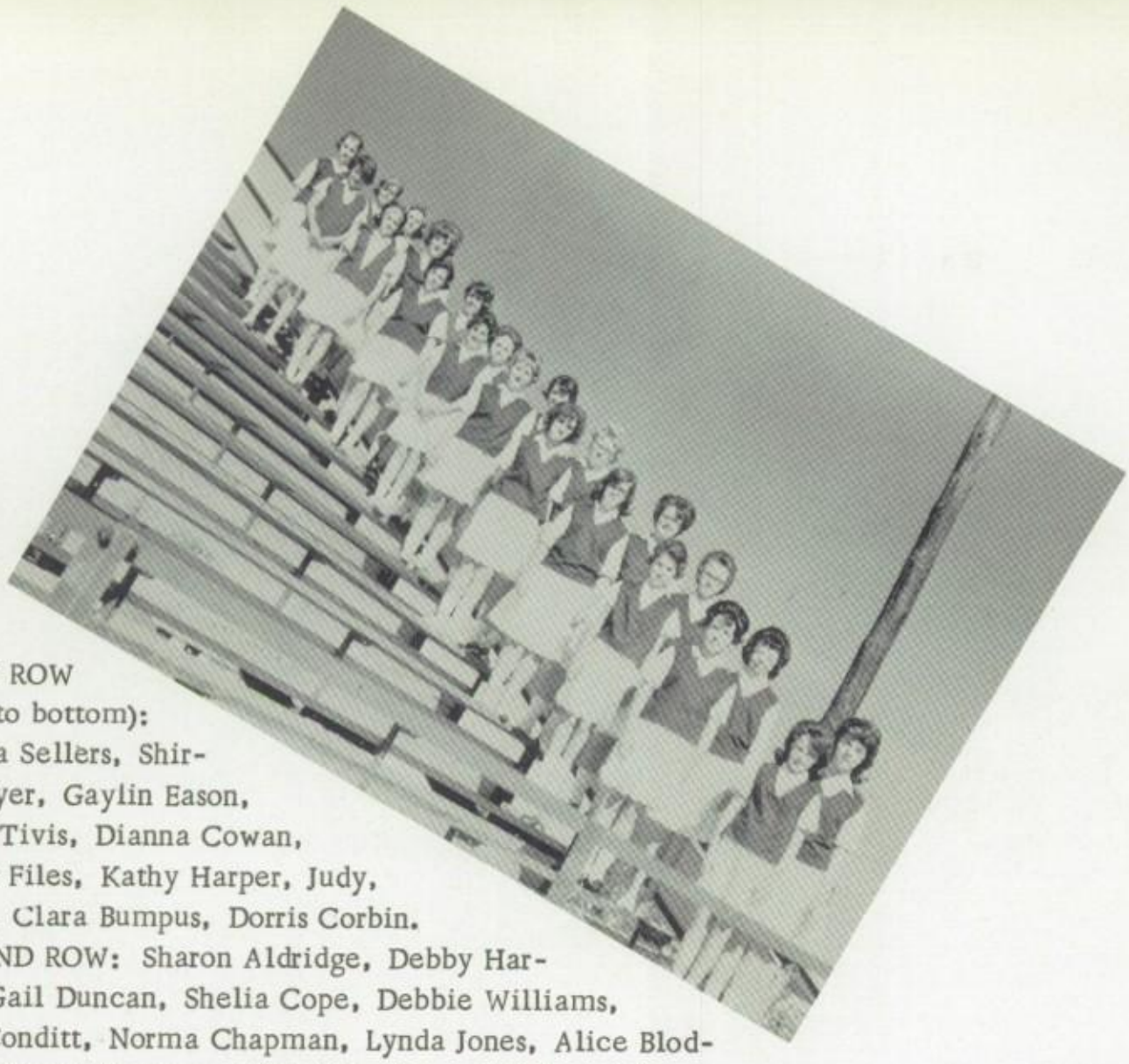
SENIOR HIGH PEP CLUB

CHEERLEADERS: Jan Golson, Francie Biffle, Brenda Pierce, Pam Prater, Coleen Landram, and Head Cheerleader, Vauda Golson.

Comets get ready to burn the foxes.

FIRST ROW - Treasurer, Lynne Layn; President, Myrna Spurgin; Vice-President, Pat Strickland; Secretary, Lana Davis. SECOND - V. Bayouth, S. Wright, H. Love, C. McClennen, P. Caruthers, J. Rehm, N. Blodgett, K. Anderson. THIRD - F. Williams, S. Dyer, P. Gray, D. Russell, L. Presgrove, L. Ketchum, H. Mitchell, F. Bryant, S. Presgrove, K. Smith. FOURTH - J. Ketchum, M. Layn, D. McGuire, M. Wright, L. Files, B. McCalister, L. Landram, P. Briscoe, A. Massie, L. Smith. FIFTH - A. Lowrance, Sponsor, Miss Thompson, L. Biffle.

JUNIOR HIGH PEP CLUB



FIRST ROW
(Top to bottom):
Carma Sellers, Shirley Dyer, Gaylin Eason, Janet Tivis, Dianna Cowan, Marie Files, Kathy Harper, Judy, Tivis, Clara Bumpus, Dorris Corbin.
SECOND ROW: Sharon Aldridge, Debby Harper, Gail Duncan, Shelia Cope, Debbie Williams, Rita Conditt, Norma Chapman, Lynda Jones, Alice Blodgett, Connie Knutson, Myra Spurgin, and Barbara Thomas.

CHEERLEADERS

Judy Campbell
Beverly Perdue
Bobbette Young, Head cheerleader
Kimberly Ivy, Mascot
Shirley Presgrove
Karen Smith
Deena Norton

Coach Smith said, "Get those foxes," and we did!

LETTERMANS

FIRST: Ronnie Cooper, Jim Bullock, Jerry Wheeler, Larry Stephens; SECOND: Larry Romine, Huck Walling, David Ketchum, Stan Constant, Larry Cooley, Mickey Cowan, John Womack, Teddy Hargrove, Billy O'Bryant, Greg Pierce, Coach Smith; THIRD: Coach Cast, Jimmie Kirby, Danny Peters, David Henry, Luke Pollard, Dickie Bishop, John Watson, Mike Prater, Buddy Webb, Max Whaley, Randy Davis.

4-H

FIRST: Vauda Golson, Pam Prater, Jacklyn Ketchum, Cathy Jones, Wynema Foster, Linda Jones; SECOND: Turner Biffle, David Townsend, Larry Pierce, Jackie Bryant, Terry Hinkle, Roger Allen, Harolyn Love; THIRD: David Davidson, David Watson, John Saville, Danny Lowrance, Linda Ketchum, Ann Lowrance, Jan Golson, Lola Cartwright, Mrs. Prater.

LIBRARIANS

FRONT ROW: Donna Russell, Johnny Briscoe. BACK ROW: Gary Jackson, David Meadows, Harvey Love, Thurman Thacker, Ronnie Cooper, Paula Caruthers, Sharon Wright, Susan Smith, Janice Scott, Nancy Briscoe, Robert Ham, Mike Sellers.

OFFICE GIRLS

FRONT ROW: Brenda Pierce, Freda Williams, Judy Johnson, Harolyn Love.

BACK ROW: Elnita Blodgett, Coleen Landrum, Patsy Briscoe, Debbie Bayouth.

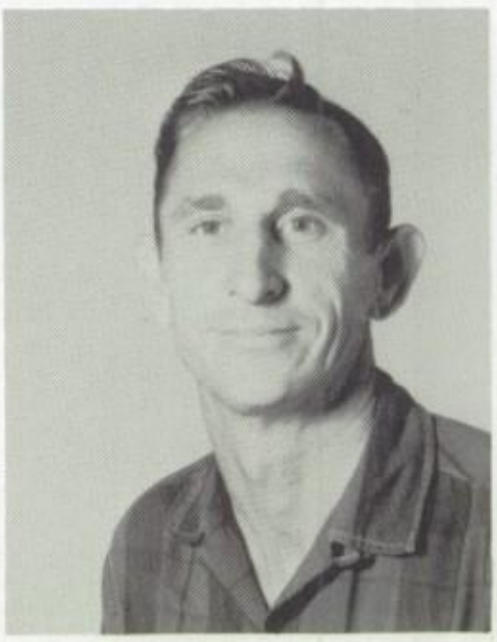
FIRST ROW: Virgil Stine, Lucille Jackson, Faye Davis; SECOND ROW: Essie Aldridge, Maudie Devers.

CUSTODIAN
I. N. Brooks
13 years

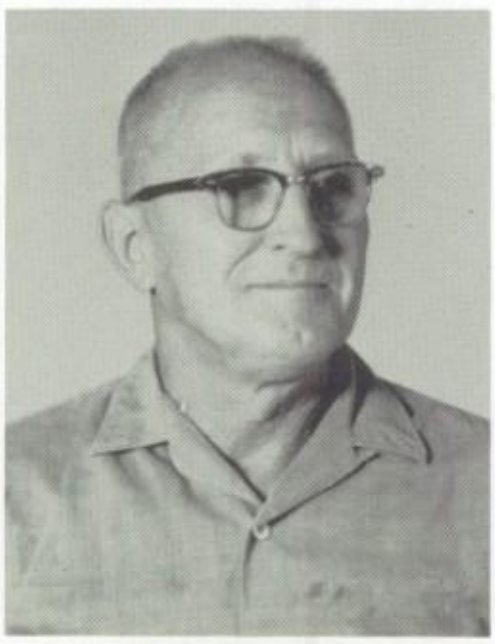
Our cafeteria is rated one of the neatest and most sanitary in the state. They have certainly done a fine job in brightening the one break in our busy days.

MAINTENANCE

Besides routine jobs, the custodians and mechanics find time to be helpful to both students and teachers.



CUSTODIAN
Arthur Hardin
11 years



MECHANIC
Steve Stephenson
26 years

MECHANIC
Mutt Fowler
4 years

ACTIVITIES

SENIOR HIGH AWARDS

MICKEY COWAN
Danforth
Balfour
Valedictorian

HAROLYN LOVE
English
Salutatorian
All Around Girl

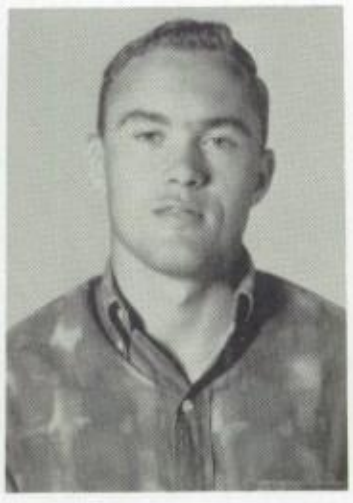
MYRNA SPURGIN
Music

LYN ALDRIDGE
Boys P. E.

RENA ROWE
Social Studies

LARRY CAREY
Brandon
Mathematics

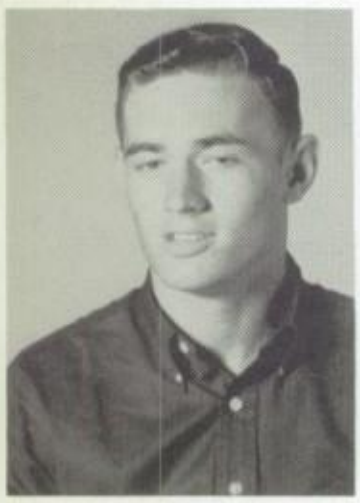
JUDY JOHNSON
American Legion
Band



JERRY WHEELER
Outstanding Athlete
Science

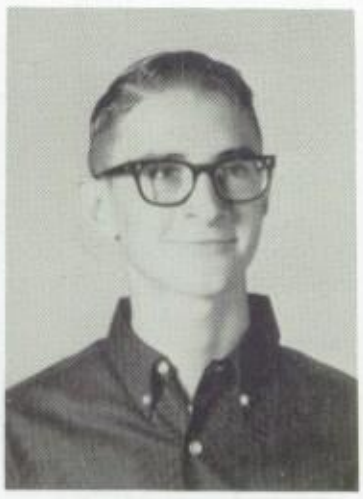
WELDON POLLARD
Agriculture
All Around Boy

DONNA RUSSELL
Librarian



RONNIE COOPER
Outstanding Athlete

COLEEN LANDRAM
Typing



LARRY COOLEY
Drivers Education

BARBARA McCALISTER
Home Economics

PAM PRATER
Shorthand

LANA DAVIS
Student of the Year
Chorus

JIMMY KIRBY
Industrial Arts

CARLIS MAXWELL
Vocational Carpentry

DONNA THOMAS
Bookkeeping

JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS

LAURA COOLEY
English

SHERRY STROUD
Home Economics

DANNY LOWRANCE
Science

CLIFF GORDON
Student of the Year
Band

LARRY MIEARS
Band

JAMES O'BRYANT
Social Studies

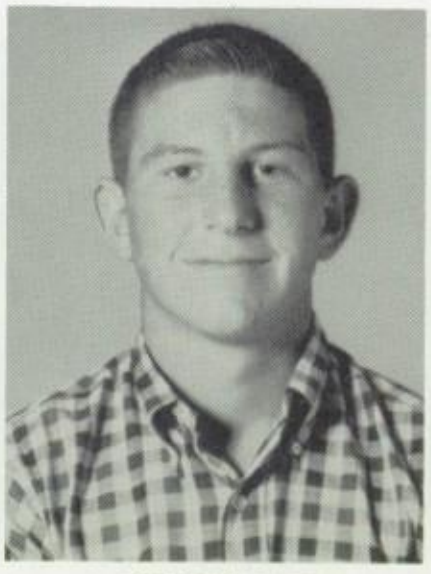
ALICE BLODGETT
Chorus

ANN RHODES
Girls P. E.

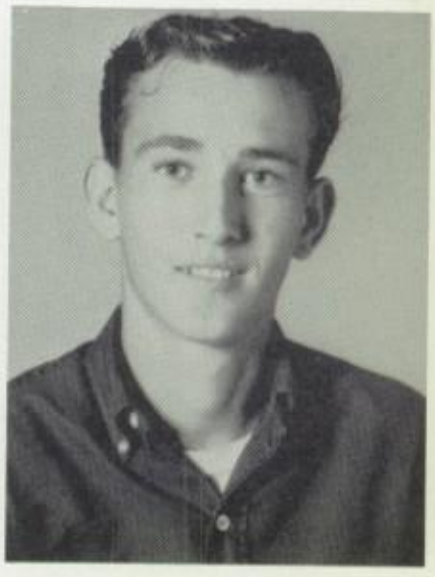
DEBBIE HARPER
Mathematics

KENT IVY
Agriculture

KAREN SMITH
Girls Athletics



KENNY LAYN
Boys Athletics



JIMMY BRISCOE
Boys P. E.

JUNIOR PLAY

PLAY CAST: Greg Pierce, Larry Romine, Coleen Landram, Linda Jo Presgrove, Wyonette Aldridge, Brantley Holder, Brenda Pierce, Danny Miears, Linda Ketchum, and Danny Adams.

George watches Peg and Geoffrey sneak away.

THE GREEN VINE

George Brand - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Greg Pierce
Myrtle Brand Kenan - - - - - - - - - -Linda Presgrove
Tom Brand Powers - - - - - - - - - - Brantley Holder
Peter Brand - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Larry Romine
Mary Brand Tennant - - - - - - - - - Coleen Landram
Peggy Brand Mason - - - - - - - - Wyonette Aldridge
Geoffrey Cannon - - - - - - - - - - - - Danny Miears
Mrs. Birdie Fuller - - - - - - - - - - - -Linda Ketchum
Messalina - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Brenda Pierce
Japhet Twilliger - - - - - - - - - - - - Danny Adams

Mary seems upset.

Now, Birdie!

SENIOR PLAY

TAMMY,
TELL ME TRUE

CAST

Tammy Tyree - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Harolyn Love
Pete Brent - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Jerry Wheeler
Grandpa - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Weldon Pollard
Joey - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Lyn Aldridge
Tom Freeman - - - - - - - - - - - - -Harold Darity
Rita - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Cynthia McClennen
Miss Jenks - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sharon Wright
Sandra Rook - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Pam Prater
Professor Everett - - - - - - - - - - - - Larry Carey
Margo - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Karen Anderson
Abby - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sandra Dyer
Colette - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Vicky Bayouth
Chuck - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Danny Peters
Miss Bromley - - - - - - - - - - - - Paula Caruthers
Professor Shaefer - - - - - - - - - - - -Ronnie Cooper

Mrs. Shaefer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Myrna Spurgin
Julien - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Roye Speaks
Harold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -David Langdon
Nelda - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Wanda Browder
Kiley - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Larry Stephens
Mrs. Grayson - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Judy Johnson
Judge Slater - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Mickey Cowan
Jones - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Mike Ferguson
Mr. Welling - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - John Beasley
Miss Holman - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Lynne Layn
Dr. Stach - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Floella Corbin
Dr. Garfield - - - - - - - - - - - - - Jimmie Bullock
Mrs. Van Ness - - - - - - - - - - - - - Pat Strickland
Della - Jan Rehm
Crushak - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Lyn Milburn

One pickle and a candy bar, please.

Tammy told him true.

Colonel Pete Martin and Miss Jan Golson relax in a southern atmosphere.

Gaily dressed servants.

The food was delicious at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

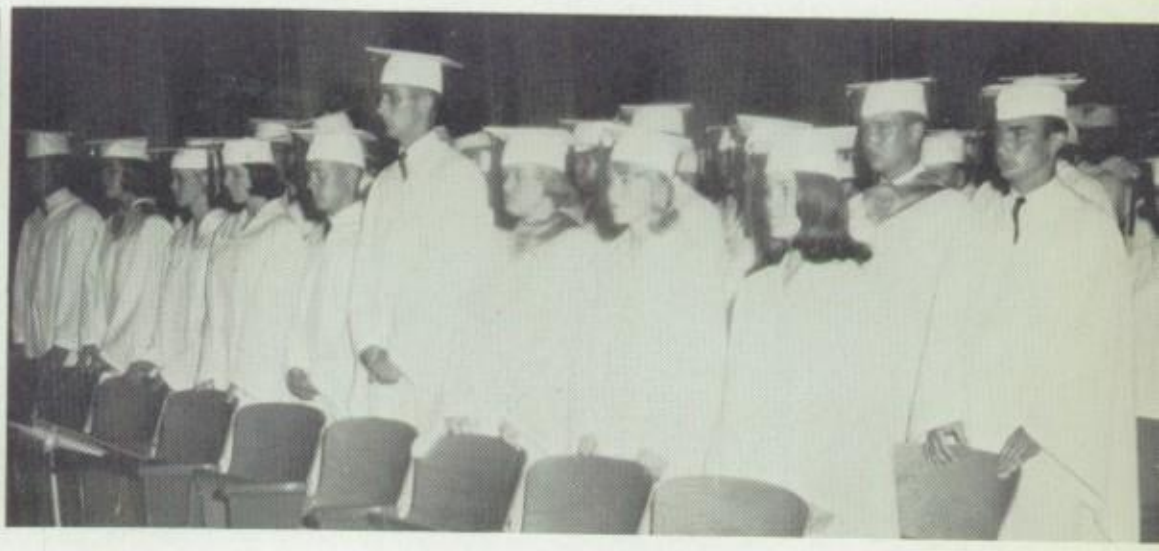
Band Banquet

F. F. A. Banquet

SENIOR SNAPS

Senior Assembly

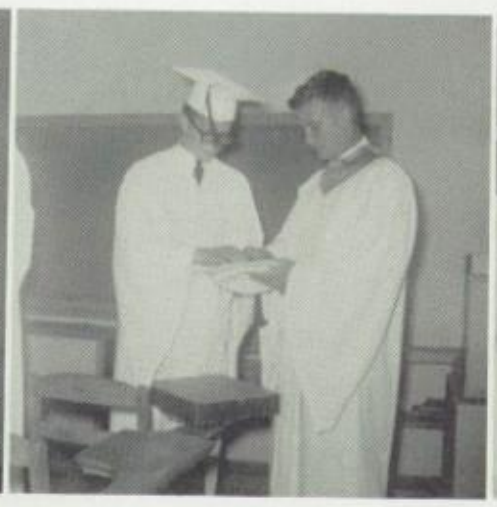
Senior Tea



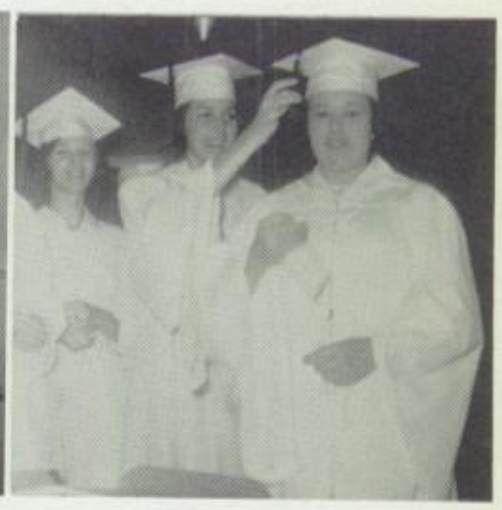
Baccalaureate

"Be sure it's level."

"Help me, Mrs. Allen."



"How does this go?"



"I'm not going to cry."

Mr. Walling presents the Pete Doye Scholarship to Larrey Carey.

Mrs. Parks presents the Home Demonstration Scholarship to Laura Emmons.

Mr. Lowrance presents the Alma Telephone Co. Scholarship to Pam Prater.

Mrs. Martin presents the Edgar Martin Memorial Scholarship to Harolyn Love.

. . . and (not pictured) Mickey Cowan received the Leffler Scholarship and Jerry Wheeler received the PTA Scholarship.

Leave it to Bucky to get that grin in there.

Donna and Robert shelve books in our new library.

Jr. High Trio: Deena, Bobbette, Verna.

Who really believes these boys are happy at the sight of report cards.

These girls are proud of the Christmas socks they have made.

Noon-hour antics

RIGHT: Gary Jackson records his golden tones for posterity.

FAREWELL

ANNUAL STAFF

As this last sheet of copy goes to press, and the reusable materials are put back into the cabinets for the last time, and as the mountains of mistakes and wasted materials are thrown away, we, the 1965 COMET STAFF, have a sneaking suspicion that the 1965 COMET will be the finest, most beautiful annual in the history of Velma-Alma High School. It must be, because we have loved building it so much.

The COMET Staff

Editor-in-Chief - - - - - - - - - - Kathy Smith
Business Staff - - - - - - - - - - Sharon Wright
Marilyn Thompson
Editorial Staff - - - - - - - - - - Kathy Roberts
Mary Lou Darity
Sammie Cooksey
Photographer - - - - - - - - - - Mike Ossenbeck

(L. to R.) Kathy Smith, Kathy Roberts, Mary Lou Darity, Marilyn Thompson, Mike Ossenbeck, Sammie Cooksey, and Sharon Wright.

To Mike, our photographer, we say, "Thank you for a job well done."

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Autographs

John,
You are a very
nice kid. Good
luck in every
thing you do
Phyllis

John,
the boy with
the hot little Ford!
Linda Biffle

Pat

You are a very nice and sweet girl. I hope to be your friend forever. Good Luck in the future (with ha-ha). Remember that when you get old and out of shape girdles are only $3.98. Ha-Ha. Stay as you are know and life will be easy.

Lots of Love,
Jeanetta Lee

Pat

You are very nice and sincere girl and you should go along way.
"When you are gone away to marry and get some little Tom, Dick, Harry don't you forget this friend of yours"

Good Ridd'ins

Soph. "65" Gang

"Lucky"

You a very nice kid
you know how to have
fun. Stay the way
you are now and you
will go a long ways.
Good luck in the future

Frankie
Sept-65-66

Dudley, I always
like to see you
when you come
over to our house
and I hope you
will pass your
exam. Sparkle

Pat.

You are a sweet, nice girl. You have won my friendship and I hope we will be friends for years to come.

Good luck in wrestling

Frankey

Soph-65-66

Pat